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We publish this morning a letter from Colesburg, Ky., relative to the difficulties in the Hecker regiment. It is prepared by a warm friend of the writers whom Col. Hecker sought to suppress, and may therefore be too severe in its criticism on the Colonel. We trust that an end may be made of this lamentable affair without delay.

The naval expedition has gone to sea. Having set sail from Hampton Roads yesterday morning. The public apprehension seems to be relieved by the denial that Commodore Dupont's Private Secretary had absconded with the charts and secrets of the expedition. He has not absconded, and if he had it is stated he is possessed of no secrets that would be valuable to the rebels. We shall next hear of the expedition from the Southern papers.

Napoleon is still honeyfuglling England to put her foot into the American trap and take out the cotton with which it is baited. Public meetings and speeches in England, and the tone of the London press, all have the same tendency. Between bread and cotton—his belly and his back—the venerable Mr. Bull is in some distress just now. Of course the motives of the crafty Napoleon are in the highest degree disinterested. He sympathizes with England to the extent of getting her out of one trouble into another.

It is denied that either General Scott or General McClellan will resign, and internally that there is any trouble between them. But it should be borne in mind that this is the associated press version, prepared, like other reports, at the State Department, and not always with the best use of official information at hand. We have every reason to believe, however, that the question whether there is a Commander-in-Chief of the army of the Potomac, and who he is, is in the high road to solution. There can be but one hand on the reins.

HOPEFUL.

We feel impelled to congratulate the *Times* and *Post*, of this city, on their cheerful support of the Union Convention nominations on a platform which calls for the use of "every legitimate means of warfare "to suppress the rebellion—including the "confiscation of all property of rebels, and "even to the liberation of the slaves." Still, it is not so surprising that they should acquiesce in the platform, when we reflect that both of them endorsed the principles of Fremont's proclamation without stint, until the President countermanded it. The Government having altered its policy for the better, the *Times* and *Post* have loyally altered theirs to correspond. We cannot too highly commend them for the promptitude and zeal of their support of the Union ticket under such circumstances.

The candidates, too, are deserving of much praise for their silence on the subject of the card of Mr. Hayes and his friends, demanding that they shall repudiate their platform, and take the ground of hostility to the measures, which the Government finds it necessary to adopt to suppress the rebellion. We commend them all for their reticence in the face of such impertinent suggestions.

THE TWO TICKETS.

After great tribulation and no little labor the opponents of the "Union Ticket" have succeeded in selecting the following list of candidates to be presented to the voters of Cook county, on next Tuesday:

PEOPLE'S UNION TICKET.

Delegates to the Constitutional Convention: North District—Isaac L. Ruddle and Samuel Ashton. South District—Van H. Higgins and S. G. Caulfield.

For Judge of the Superior Court—John M. Wilson.

For Clerk of Superior Court—T. B. Carter.

For Judge of County Court—James B. Bradwell.

For Clerk of County Court—J. P. Hilliard.

For County Treasurer—Michael Keely.

For Circuit Surveyor—T. G. V. McClintock.

For School Commissioner—J. C. Dore.

For Associate Judges—H. Rockenburg, T. B. Brown.

The TRIBUNE is not the partisan advocate of either of the tickets, but intends to deal fairly and candidly with both. We prefer some of the candidates on the Union to their opponents on the People's ticket, and *vice versa*. Each ticket contains some excellent names, and, as all party issues are dropped for the present, we presume that scratching will be freely indulged in, and that each voter will exercise the largest liberty to make a ticket to please himself. Democrats and Republicans have been placed on both tickets. The platform of the Union ticket is the "Evans Resolutions," which have a patriotic ring to them that must please every man who is in downright earnest to save the Union by striking at the vitals of the rebellion. Had it not been for the disorderly conduct of the mob at the Metropolitan meeting, the friends of the People's ticket would, doubtlessly, have adopted equally sound and patriotic resolutions. We esteem the candidates on each ticket as good and loyal men, who are true to the Union. If any of them are tainted, let it be made known before election day, so that they may be repudiated and defeated.

Our advice to the voters of Cook county is to act independently; be not influenced by clap-trap cries of "Court House Clique" showered upon the "Union Ticket," nor retorts of "secret conclave," flung at the "People's Ticket." Judge each candidate by his known character and qualifications, and select those whom you believe will discharge the duties of the respective offices with the greatest integrity and ability. Apply the same rules that you would in selecting agents to perform important private business. Compare the candidates on the two tickets together carefully, and vote for those whom you think will most faithfully and ably serve the public.

BALL'S BLUFF.

The reckoning for the Ball's Bluff sacrifice, (for defeat it was not,) will one day come. Until that day the following facts of concurrent links should be borne in mind: On Saturday, October 19th, Gen. McCall, with nineteen Pennsylvania regiments, infantry, artillery and cavalry, moved from Prospect Hill to Darnesville, Va., on the Leesburg road, distant some twelve miles from Leesburg and not more than six miles from Edward's Ferry. On Sunday night, 20th, Capt. Philbrick, of the Massachusetts troops, made a reconnaissance from Harrison's Island to within a mile and a half of Leesburg, and found the coast clear. During the grey of morning, Monday the 21st, the "forlorn hope" of Gen. Baker crossed at Harrison's Island, to engage the enemy (or at least his attention) in that quarter. During Monday forenoon the fight was unimportant, and not until two o'clock was the enemy rallied to make slaughter of his men. At about this hour, 2 o'clock, the enemy, being engaged elsewhere, Generals Stone and Banks began to throw the great body of their troops across at Edwards's Ferry, some miles below, and made the crossing unmolested! They had reason to believe McCall was near them at Drainville. But on this same day, Monday, unbeknown to Gen. McClellan, Banks or Stone, and acting under the orders of some other officer, McCall began to fall back whence he came. Tuesday our troops still held their ground at Edwards's Ferry, and had made much progress in temporary earth-works. Baker's "forlorn hope" was sacrificed, but it was not wholly without compensation. Tuesday evening McCall's retreat was made known, and on that night our force at Edwards's Ferry began to fall back across the river.

The facts and dates belong together. They were part of one scheme. The people will desire to know who hindered its execution. We may censure Baker and Stone for not having provided more adequate means of transport, but be that as it may, the fact stands that at never so big a cost to Baker's "forlorn hope" our army *was* enabled to reach the Virginia shore in force, at Edwards's Ferry, and was notable prudently to hold that position.

Who interfered that these six hundred lives of Baker's men were thrown away and worse than wasted.

Mr. S. S. Hayes and his Inquisitive Friends.

Editors Chicago Tribune:

S S. Hayes and his associates have a right to ask questions *as private individuals*, and if candidates do not see fit to answer, they may vote against them if they choose; but by what authority any man or set of men presume to say candidates must do this, that or the other thing before "Administration men! or Democrats!" can vote for them, we are at a loss to conceive. / Do Mr. Hayes and associates demand that our Government be overthrown rather than that the slaves of the rebels should be liberated?

Do Mr. Hayes and associates demand that the Administration of Hon. Abraham Lincoln endorse resolutions, whether the Government is overthrown or not?

These are pertinent questions and should be answered by them before they presume to interrogate others.

The interrogation of candidates is proper as to matters not set forth by the Convention that nominated them. But certainly no one will presume to run for office upon a nomination, and at the same time repudiate the action of the Convention that brought him before the public, is asked for by Mr. Hayes and his associates.

The only course that would seem to be proper for for a nominee under such circumstances would be to decline the nomination. This then is the real proposition of the gentlemen calling themselves the Democratic Central Committee. If any of the candidates of the Union Convention will decline the nomination, Mr. Hayes and his associates will vote for them and show all "*Administration men and Democrats*" to do so also.

We do not believe a ticket *repudiating* the resolutions of the late Union Convention, or any part of them, would get even an respectable show of support—however much men might run into office on the Crittenden resolutions without any further expression of sentiment.

It is a fact more abundantly brought to light within the last few days by the discussion that these resolutions have been called out, by a very large proportion of the men who lately formed the Democratic party are at hearty, and many of them even more earnest heroes in support of the principles set forth in the resolutions, than are the Republicans, who may be set down as a unit on them.

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Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 1, 1861.

INTERESTING CEREMONIES.

Presentation of a Flag to Col. Dickey's Regiment, and a Sword to Col. Dickey.

Speeches of Judge Caton, Col. Dickey, and Hon. B. C. Cook.

OTTAWA, Oct. 30.

On the presentation of the flag to Colonel Dickey, Chief Justice Caton spoke as follows:

CHIEF JUSTICE CATON'S SPEECH.

COL. DICKEY:—In the convulsions of civil discord, brought on by desperate hands who have stained their very existence upon the destruction of so mild, so beneficent, and so happy a Government as this, our common country has called upon you, in common with her other patriotic sons, to come to her rescue and to assist in the vindication of her Constitution and the enforcement of her laws. You have responded to the call with a promptness and an energy which testifies to your appreciation of the emergency, and your patriotic devotion to your country's welfare, and have called about you those who, like yourself, comprehend the emergency and are willing to devote their lives to the cause of their country. Duly and properly appreciating your courage, your discretion and your capacity they have voluntarily placed themselves under your lead, and have pledged themselves to follow you wherever duty and honor shall dictate. We who have known you longest and best feel an entire assurance that the confidence which your country and your soldiers have reposed in you is not misplaced. You go forth to fight no tyrant's battles, but your own. This is a Government in which all participate, in which all have an equal interest, and in the support of which all should be equally devoted. Here the humblest citizen equally with the President himself, may say, "*This is my Government*," and hence every one who puts forth an effort to sustain it, is doing so much to vindicate his own. This explains why so great an army of the best material has ever marched to the battle field that has, in so short a time, been spoken into existence. When Sumter fell the cry to arms struck a deeper chord in the American heart than the Revolution had been reached by any sordid promise, or even ambitious hope. Then treason in its most hideous form displayed itself to the eyes of every patriot, and party strife was settled and party calls were hushed. When the honors or the emoluments of office were alone involved, we might afford to wrangle among ourselves, but when the fabric of the Republic is trembling to its foundation, it is no time to enquire who among us is most responsible for the danger. That may do to dispute about after the danger is over and our country is safe. Wisdom, but now each must know that the earnest efforts of all are demanded to save from destruction the common weal. But this we do know, that none of us have given any just cause for this most wicked and atrocious rebellion. It has formed its birth in the insatiable ambition of a few desperate men, who, with ability properly regulated and directed, might have redounded so much to their country's honor and their own fame, but who have by their unnatural and pinnable misrepresentations been enabled to gather around them a mass of blindly devoted and deluded followers, whom they are leading to destruction with headlong strides. It is to suppress this treason and to put down this unprovoked rebellion that you now respond to your country's call; and be assured that you go forth accompanied by the prayers and blessings of those you leave behind; and well may these prayers and tears be pressing up from the hearts of wives and daughters and mothers and sisters and lovers, nerve your hearts and arms to do valiant battle in your country's cause, which is theirs, and yours, and ours. As an emblem of the nation's sovereignty and our country's honor, and as a remembrance of those whose affections will follow you wherever you go, they have instructed me to present you with this our country's flag. They entrust it to your keeping with a perfect confidence that it will never be dishonored in your hands. Time and stalwart forms before me, whose eyes sparkle with patriotic fire when they behold it, assure me that they will follow it as the light of their hope, and that they will rally to it as to a shrine around its folds; sooner than one star upon its azure face shall be blotted out. I know that you will bear them to victory and honor shall call, and I am equally sure they will follow you with stout hearts and strong arms to the end. In the name of your friends at home, whose affections will cluster around you on your march, and whose hearts will be with you on the battle field, whose eyes will moisten at your going and gladden at your coming, present you with this beautiful Spangled Banner,

"And long may it wave
O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave."

COL. DICKEY'S RESPONSE TO JUDGE CATON.

HONORED SIR:—In the name of these brave soldiers I have the honor to command, and of the gallant officers who have undertaken to aid me in leading them into the field of danger, I accept this beautiful emblem of our nation's sovereignty and our country's honor—this token of the sympathy and confidence of yourself and those in whose behalf you speak. Your kind words sink deeply into thankful hearts; they fall like the dews of Heaven on the sun-scorched soil in the midst of the incessant struggle against the cupidity of human nature, on the eve of our departure, it is sweet to know and sweet to be told that we have friends at home, and friends, too, whose thoughts will be with us on the march, be with us on the battle field; whose eyes will moisten at our going, and whose hearts will gladden at our coming. We thank you for these good words. You have said, sir, that our foes have staked their very existence upon the issue of the conflict. Sir, this is painfully true, and this fact is the secret of the wonderful success of the South, in being able without a treasury, to raise, maintain, furnish, arm and put in action such immense armies.

Sir, it is the darkest feature of the times presented to my eye, that while in the rebellious States their people carry on the war, the people of the loyal States, with cold security and apparent indifference, leave the Government to carry on the war, too many of them spending their time in idle criticisms on the manner of its conduct, instead of how they may best make money out of the misfortunes of the times. I tremble when I contemplate the contrast, and cannot divest myself of the fear that unless a great and speedy revolution is wrought in the minds of our people, this host of ill disposed Government hacks will be fatal to our arms. Going forth to service with such impressions, I repeat, sir, that this manifestation that we, for the sake of the cause, have friends at home, gladdens our hearts and cheers our hopes. You have expressed a confidence that you go from among us to discharge the grave duties and responsibilities which are thrown upon us in the hour of our peril and solemnity. Our country has called upon her sons to rally in her defence. Traitors have assailed her life and among our enemies are those with armed hands, to blot her name from the list of the nations of the earth, and overthrow those beneficent institutions which have secured to us so much of happiness, and whose blessings were laid in the blood and tears of our fathers.

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THE MYSTERY UNEXPLAINED.

Gen. Stone's report of the battle of Leesburg Heights is published, but the essential portion is transmitted to us by telegraph. The whole affair remains as much a mystery as ever. Why did Gen. McCall, on the south side of the Potomac, advance with nineteen thousand men from Prospect Hill to Drainsville, (that is, half way to Leesburg) and then suddenly withdrew to his old quarters at Prospect Hill? Why did Gen. Stone himself, simultaneously with this movement, and simultaneously with the sacrifice of Col. Baker and his command, cross the Potomac at Edward's Ferry, six miles below with eight thousand men, *and then as suddenly withdraw to the Maryland side?* The fact that he did so cross, while the attention of the enemy was engaged by Col. Baker, is asserted in the *National Intelligencer*, and confirmed by our own correspondent, who was there. Indeed, the truth as to this matter was allowed to come over the wires just after the battle at Harrison's Island, where the gallant Baker fell. And the first intimation we had that General Stone's column was not on the Virginia side, was brought by a subsequent dispatch announcing that a flag of truce had been sent over to the rebels to obtain permission to bury our dead. All the *facts* that we have been able to glean in relation to the affair point to the conclusion that a plan was on foot to surprise and capture the rebel force at Leesburg—that for this purpose Gen. McCall with his nineteen thousand men was ordered to move up to Drainsville—that Col. Baker was ordered to cross the river at Harrison's Island and engage the enemy, while Gen. Stone should improve their misapprehension of the real point of attack, and throw over his eight thousand to join Gen. McCall in a combined assault on Leesburg.

After these movements had been successfully effected, all hands suddenly take the back track—Gen. McCall to Prospect Hill, and Gen. Stone to the Maryland side of the river! And we are told that Gen. McCall's movement was merely a reconnoissance, (a reconnoissance accomplished by nineteen Pennsylvania regiments,) and Col. Baker's movement was another reconnoisance, and it is more than hinted that the disaster of the day is due to poor Baker's rashness. Why Gen. Stone threw his eight thousand men across the river and then ferried them back, is not explained at all.

The people will demand an explanation of this mystery, so horrible in its results to Col. Baker and his brave men—not an explanation inconsistent with the public interests, but something which shall answer all the requirements of the enigma, rather than one which leaves the larger half as mysterious as ever. It is reported that after the two main divisions of the army had advanced toward Leesburg, a higher officer than Gen. McClellan, to-wit, Lieut.-General Scott, ordered Gen. McCall to countermarch to Prospect Hill, and that General McClellan, hearing the fact, rode in hot haste to Edwards's Ferry, and ordered General Stone's column back just in time to save it from sharing the fate of Col. Baker and his men, deprived as they were of the support of McCall's division. This is the third time that important movements of Gen. McClellan have been defeated, on the eve of consummation, by base treachery or wretched interference with his plans.

WHY THE COUNTRY IS PROSPEROUS.

The fact is admitted that all through the loyal States, in spite of the drain upon our resources caused by a gigantic, wanton and most wicked rebellion, the country is prosperous. The class who have most cause for complaint are the western farmers. The price they have been receiving for their products leaves no margin whatever for profits, but they have an immense surplus, and by the time the year, commencing with July, 1861, and ending with July, 1862, closes, it is to be hoped that freights to the seaboard will so far have fallen, that results satisfactory to our producing classes will be reached. How the country can be prosperous while spending millions of money to maintain the integrity of the Government, and withdrawing hundreds of thousands of men from productive employment, is a most suggestive and important problem. Its solution, however is by no means difficult. Our people have acted like any prudent household, when some serious embarrassment is to be removed. Expensive and useless luxuries have been largely tabooed—they have bought as little as possible, and hold all they could. Hence in spite of the vast and the direct waste of the war, and of the millions of money of which the Southern traitors have virtually robbed our people, the loyal States as a whole are enjoying a high degree of prosperity.

The tables of imports and exports from N. Y. for the first nine months of the past three years show clearly what is the true source of our present prosperity. They are as follows:

	1859.	1860.	1861.
Imports.....	1,866,422	1,747,406	36,156,295
Exports.....	57,998,455	58,307,284	3,879,814

Taken together these tables are conclusive. They prove that our prosperity is due to the fact that we sell our products largely and import luxuries sparingly, while at the same time, our specie imports have increased more than $34,000,000, over those of the past two years.

The lesson which the present condition of our country should impress upon our people is important, and may become exceedingly valuable. A few years since while enjoying peace, and an immense annual production of all the elements of wealth, the country was poor; now with an exhausting war upon our hands, it is rich and prosperous. The nation has been practicing economy. Instead of exporting specie to pay for liquors, luxuries, and gewgaws, foreign nations have paid us more than thirty-six millions of dollars for the products of our industry. This large sum, in addition to our receipts of coin from California, has made a very handsome addition to the available capital of the country. If the nation wants to continue to grow rich, let the practice of selling more than it buys become permanent, and in a very few generations, American capital will control the commerce of the world. The nations of the old world are rich, luxurious and extravagant, and the idea of economy and industry of the American Union should be directed, not only to secure commercial independence, but commercial supremacy.

Will the country continue to import specie after the war? That depends upon whether the Government fosters home industry; or whether laws are enacted for the benefit of the artizans, mechanics, and merchants of Europe. In other words, if a judicious tariff is adopted—and it will become essential to pay the interest and the principal of the war debt of the nation—the United States must enter upon a long career of prosperity. Europe will always be forced to take much more of breadstuffs, provisions, cotton, and other materials, than we ought to be willing to exchange for her liquors, luxuries and gew-gaws. Our industry is and will be fully competent to supply nearly all our legitimate and necessary wants. Whatever theory our political economists may have with reference to the necessities of the national treasury and the common sense of the people will combine to demand adequate protection to our home industry—a wise, a judicious, and a prosperity producing tariff.

PERSONAL.

Hon. John I. Slingerland, of Albany county, N. Y., one of the leaders in the Anti-Rent party since 1836, member of Congress during the two years 1845-6, and several times in the State Legislature, died at his residence in New Scotland, on Saturday last, aged 57 years. His decease was sudden.

—Wm. D. Howells, Esq., late assistant editor of the Columbus *Journal*, leaves next week for his post as Consul to Rome. He takes Germany in his route, being able to speak the German language with fluency.

—Mr. Judd, U. S. minister at the court of Berlin, recently gave his first *soiree* in the Victoria Strasse, one of the new and elegant streets in the Thiergarten, the Belgravia of Berlin. Mr. Judd has started an equipage emblazoned with the arms of the republic, which excites a good deal of curiosity among the fashionables of the Prussian capital.

—Archbishop Hughes has been called to Washington in haste to consult with Secretary Seward, and the gossips are all afloat as to "what's up" between them. Some think it relates to the chaplaincy question; others, that it is to ensure His Grace that our war is not one of emancipation, and to call from him a letter missive to that effect.

—The New York *World* gives the following information of how the devil tempted Mr. Prentice of the Louisville *Journal*:

Gen. D. Prentice has proved himself an inconruptible patriot. Among the many schemes for corrupting him was the following: A man of unwavering attempt to buy Prentice, or, failing that, to buy his paper. Prentice was approached by a modest offer of $20,000, which was of course promptly declined. The anxious buyers, thinking the bauble too small, doubled Prentice's estimate of his honor, increased their offer, and through an old political friend, since quartered at Fort Lafayette, was informed that fifty thousand dollars was in a Louisville bank, subject to the draft of Gen. D. Prentice, whenever the *Journal* was henceforth conducted according to certain terms. An incensed severity upon the disunionists was the price. The offer was met by the response to this proposal. Next came a fifty-thousand dollar bid, the editorship of which it was and wanted an influential paper to support the Pacific Railroad enterprise. He would give Prentice $100,000 for the *Journal*. This bid was too low, and George D. Prentice remains unbought, and unpurchasable.

—The *Journal* having stated that Robert Houghtaling, of Schoharie county, has seven sons in the army, the Milwaukee *Wisconsin* beats that. It says:

The father of John J. Crilley, of this city, now running on the Democratic ticket for State Prison Commissioner, has had married twelve sons, all there were born of both marriages 21 children, 19 of whom are now living and 17 boys. There are two of the brothers in the rebel army, and seven of them in the Union army. One of the brothers was in the Seminole war, and is now 70 years old. The father is 80 odd years old, and as healthy and active as a young man. The mother is over 90, and her health is good. In the aggregate, I take many such families to fill up all the available room in this little corner of creation.

—Billy Mulligan, the bruiser, is Colonel of the Fremont cavalry, raising in New York city, and has been before the Police Court to procure the imprisonment of his Quartermaster, named Hall, who, having been removed for malfeasance, was making trouble among the men. Billy behaves quite like a gentleman; and when Hall called him a liar, before the Court, Billy showed an equanimity of temper not usually credited to him, telling Hall, that he would not dare to say so if he (the Colonel) were in the street and had his uniform off.

—Col. Philip St. George Cooke, of the U. S. dragoons, who has now reached the seat of war on the Potomac, will, it is understood, be assigned to a position in the field. He has a son and two sons-in law in the rebel service, but he himself clings to the old flag and to soldierly honor. His is a rare instance of loyalty in a Virginian at this day.

The Contrabands.

It is stated that Gen. Wool, at Fortress Monroe, who has some 1,800 "contrabands" under his charge, has refused to let Gen. Sherman have any portion of them for the naval expedition, stating that he has none to spare. They were wanted to perform the service of laborers in throwing up entrenchments, and perhaps afterwards to be the nucleus of a negro brigade, which Gen. Sherman is authorized to employ.

The Washington *Republican* says that Gen. Hill, who commands the Confederate forces on a portion of the Occoquan Creek, has made a requisition upon the people of Craven county, for two week's labor upon the batteries, of one-fourth of their slave force. Gen. Sherman will not be less decided or success ful is calling for whatever help he wants when he lands upon the Southern coast.

The Purchase of Cloth Abroad.

The following official communication from Quartermaster General Meigs states the imperative demand for more army cloth than the present manufacturing resources of the North can furnish:

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 29, 1861.

SIR: The within communication from the Board of Trade of Boston has been handed to this office with a request to transmit it to the Secretary of War.

The matter has been discussed with the Secretary, and I am of opinion that the order to inspect and purchase the extra quantity of cloth was a wise one, and ought not be revoked. While the public, not truly advised as to the orders of the War Department, and excited by reports such as have been published in Eastern papers, that the Government had sent out a credit of $6,000,000 to Europe, and other papers that $60 000,000 had been sent out, may misjudge it, the fact is that it is proposed only to spend $600,000 in those purchases, and to purchase and ship only for instant and pressing wants of the service.

Governors daily complain that recruiting will stop, unless clothing is sent in abundance and immediately to the various recruiting camps of regiments.

With every exertion, this Department has not been able to obtain clothing to supply these demands, and they have been so urgent that troops before the enemy have been compelled to do picket duty in the late cold nights without overcoats, or even coats, wearing only the thin summer flannel clothing.

The want of clothing is not from the want of money discourages enlistments. The Department would gladly pay cash and provide clothing, but it has not been able to satisfy these demands for either one or the other and as promptly as the service demands.

The practical question is in the banks of the capitalists, the merchants, and the Treasury Department.

Should the Board of Trade be right in its opinion, and the domestic manufactories be able to supply regulation cloth enough before cloth can be imported from Europe, it will gladly be purchased at any reasonable prices, and made up by contract.

Could 150,000 suits of clothing—overcoats, coats, and pantaloons—be placed to-day in depot, it would relieve greatly the calls now before me. They would certainly leave no surplus.

Very respectfully, your ob't servant,

M. C. MEIGS, Quartermaster-General.

To the Hon. Simon Cameron, Secretary of the War Department.

The Rescuers of Baker's Body.

A thrilling incident occurred at the house of Col. Webb, just as the remains of Col. Baker were being removed to the grave. His brother, Surgeon Baker, came forward, and, shocking with tears, requested that the body might be borne out by a number of young soldiers who had rescued it, at the peril of their lives, from the hands of the enemy. The request was, of course, granted, and those who had snatched their leader's body from the grasp of traitors bore it to its last repose.

The circumstances of the rescue are thus given in the New York *Herald's* correspondence:

Capt. Louis Bostel, of New York city, commanding Company G, seeing the assassination of Colonel Baker, rushed upon the ruffian, seized him by the throat, and shot him dead on the spot with his revolver. No sooner had the brave Colonel fallen than the body was surrounded and seized by the traitors, who were desperate to get the goods to be robbed, when Captain Bestal stepped out and exclaimed: "I am going after Colonel Baker's body. Who will go with me?" Come on, boys!" Then the desperate game, portion from his own and a portion from other companies, followed the gallant captain, and a most desperate hand-to-hand fight ensued in the vicinity of Bestal. The body of the Colonel was rescued, and, at testimony in circumstances would permit, was borne off in triumph. The men revolved had fiend death without flinching; but when they beheld the bleeding corpse of their brave and beloved Colonel their eyes were suffused, and their bronzed faces wet with tears.

FROM SPRINGFIELD.

Military Matters—A walk through the Arsenal—Review of 4,000 from Camp Butler, &c.

[Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 30th, 1861.

Since the Governor's last proclamation was issued, forbidding recruiting except under orders from State authority, there has been an increased activity in the War Department here, which not only draws heavily upon their time but exhausts the supply of material on hand. The Arsenal which I visited on Saturday last is turning out war material up to its full capacity, the load used being the same captured on the Ohio some two months ago. It looks a little hard we should take such material away from those who were once friends, put that material in the shape of bullets and balls, and then politely ask the unwilling donors to come up to time and be shot by those same bullets and balls—still they say this is done. The cartridge factory is another interesting place to visit; over one hundred girls and boys working ten hours each day, their countenances all bright and cheerful. The poor of this city find employment and a fair compensation for their services here.

Two visits to Camp Butler have satisfied me that the Camp is finely located, that the neighborhood is healthy, the officers polite and the Commandant, Col. Pitcher of the U. S. army, very competent in his position. The hospital arrangements are excellent. Doctor R. S. Lord of Springfield is the Medical Director of the Camp and attends promptly to the sanitary condition of the General Regimental Hospitals. Would that the same could be said of the Hospitals throughout the military encampment of Missouri.

The sanitary condition of our troops generally in Missouri is deplorable, and needs the vigorous and watchful care of those to whom this department properly belongs.

The Commission which has been organized by the Governors of several of the States, to whom has been intrusted the care of our volunteer soldiers in the several camp hospitals throughout the country, has resulted in much good. The utility of this commission no one can doubt. The practicability at present is somewhat doubtful, and will be until certain difficulties can be removed. The greatest difficulty seems to be the conflict of jurisdiction —United States officers being loth to have any one under State authority interfere with their red tape prerogatives.

Gov. Yates has had his attention called to this matter and will no doubt do what he can to have all the difficulties removed and send out good and competent men to follow our troops to the wars, to look after their treatment.

Yesterday was a holiday for the troops of Camp Butler. Under command of Col. Pitcher they marched into town about 4,000 strong, two regiments of cavalry, two of infantry, supported by Major Stolbrand's battery of 150 men. At 11 A. M. the troops reached the State House square and passed a review before Gov. Yates and his staff. It was always upon this time the Governor met with an accident, which late in the day proved to be more serious than at first known. The horses in the Governor's carriage became frightened at the troops, and the Governor and suite and the thousand of spectators returned to the city. To-day closes the official connection of Col. Pitcher with Camp Butler. Lieut. Wallace takes his place.

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HORSE EXHIBITION.

Held in Champaign County, Ill., near the Cities of Champaign and Urbana, on the 24th and 25th of October, 1861.

[Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

The fair grounds are owned by ten men of the county, who commenced the improvements on said grounds in 1855. They have enclosed twenty-five acres, about one-half timber and the other half is beautiful, dry prairie. The necessary buildings have been put, the stalls for the stock, occupy the timber land, while the ring or trotting track is on the prairie. In the grove, dotted here and there with a few clumps of trees. The ground is sufficiently rolling to give complete drainage, yet retaining that general smoothness of surface necessary for the purpose for which it is used. The track is half a mile in extent, nicely graded, and highly spoken of as a trotting ring by the best judges. Upon the whole, the grounds are the most beautiful in the State, and every way adapted to the purpose for which they are appropriated.

The occasion was one of much interest; besides many of the best bloods of our own State, from Chicago and Springfield, there were the fast rags of Michigan and Indiana on hand. The "Greyhound Gelding," of Kalamazoo, Mich., owned by B. F. Axtell, was one of the distinguished guests. He fully proved himself the admiration and praise of the bystanders for his honesty—making four heats without breaking once.

"Red Buck," from Indianapolis, owned by J. W. Browning, was said to be the fastest horse on the ground, but broke so badly the first heat as to be distanced, and hence was ruled off.

"Tramp," the noble sorrel from Chicago, belonging to H. H. Gates, finally won the first premium.

The "Smoker Boy," of Springfield, owned by Col. Cook, shot like a cannon ball past all of them the first heat mentioned as well as the mile heat came out a little behind. He was then taken off the track by his driver, as it was claimed, because the judges did not adhere to the rulings, as understood for the "Smoker Boy" is a small, black animal, with long, heavy mane and tail; is a perfect picture, and a nice roadster, but too short for a mile heat, three heats out of five.

"Dan Mare," owned by Mr. Worthington, of Attica, Ind., is a fast gaer, but not sufficiently trained.

TIME MADE BY PACERS.

"Tramp," (Chicago).....	1st heat, time		2:39
"	2d	"	2:36
"Greyhound," (Kalamazoo)	3d	"	2:34
"	4th	"	2:35
"Tramp," (Chicago).....	5th	"	2:36

"Tramp," of Chicago, H. H. Gates sorrel, won the 1st, 2d and 5th heats. Premium $50.00.

STALLIONS.

The representation of stallions was good in quantity and quality, but when the owners looked to the premium list, (which is to be found in the advertisement,) the "how is it" was heard on every hand. "Why is Highland" is truly a star of the first magnitude of his kind.

LIGHT HARNESS.

There were quite a number on the ground for this ring, yet but three entries were made, "Brown Horse," by J. C. Smith; "Pilot," by J. O. Rankin; "Gentleman Jim," by "Hog Smith. The "Kentucky Maid" won the first premium, $30—owned by Thomas Smith, of Springfield, Ill.

SECOND DAY—TROTTING.

There were four entries in this ring, the "Green Mountain Boy," owned by Mr. Parris of this county. He is known as the "Black Horse of the Prairies," and possesses great muscle, but was not in good plight to make time. He has always, heretofore, taken the first prize at our County Fairs. "Wabash," from Coldwater, Mich., owned by Mr. A. Bedford, is an old horse and is relied upon for his bottom. "Fillmore," entered by Gen. W. Bidwell, "Ben Hall," owned by J. Wilson, of Indianapolis, Ind., is a very lengthy horse and perhaps 16½ hands high. He carried off the 1st premium, $100.00. It was warmly contested by the "Wabash," and not until the 6th heat was made could it be decided by the judges. The following is the best time made in trotting: 1st heat 2:31½; 2d heat, 2:37; 3d heat, 2:34; 4th heat 2:38½; 5th heat 2:35; 6th heat 2:36.

BEST MARES FOR ALL PURPOSES.

There were six entries in this ring, and they were of the very finest specimens. The right to the premium was so closely contested that among them that the three judges each selected his mare, and no decision could be made until a fourth committeeman was added. The following mares were entered: "Jenny Lind," Geo. H. Bates, Douglas Co.; "Jane Davis," H. L. Wilson; "Nancy Combs," H. L. Wilson; "Bird," Jesse Cloyd; "Molly Long," J. C. Smith; "Kitty Mohawk," Thos. Smith. "Molly Long" took the premium of $25.00.

SADDLE HORSES.

There were four entries in this department, as follows: "Frank Gilbert," by Ike Rady; "Ed," by J. Watson; "Bill," by D. L. Yeach; "Tiger Cub," by J. M. Spencer. The animals were perfect specimens of their race. The contest was warm as to who should bear off the blue ribbon, and "Frank Gilbert" was the one decided upon for the honor.

Ship Building in Detroit.

[From the Detroit Advertiser.]

J. L. Hurd & Co. design building this winter a ship of 900 tons burthen for the ocean trade between Liverpool and Detroit direct. When completed she will load at our docks with a cargo of grain, and will go by way of the Welland Canal to Oswego, Montreal and Liverpool. As her draught will be too great, when loaded, to allow her passing through the Canadian canals, her cargo will be unshipped at one end of each and reloaded at the other. At Port Colbourne half her cargo will be transferred to the railroad and carried to Port Dalhousie, the eastern terminal, where the ship will meet and receive it.

She is expected to make two trips every season. She will be the only ship on the lakes, that class of vessels having some time ago gone into disuse.

This, it is claimed, will be the cheapest plan yet devised for getting grain to Europe. Should it prove to be so, the demand on the great lakes, for this class of vessels, will increase.

The owners are particularly desirous, in common with every well wisher in the prosperity of our city, that every keel shall be built here, and Detroit contractors will be given the preference.

The same firm have a contract for building a bark of 600 tons burthen, which is to be completed by the spring. It is being built by Campbell & Owen.

They also contemplate building another bark this winter if purchasers can be found in this city willing to take the job.

H. M. Stocker has, we understand, with Campell & Owen for a bark of 600 tons, to be built this winter.

The ship-building business promises to be very native here, and possesses a field for the employment of capital and enterprise, the insufficiency in numbers of vessels in the carrying trade. The last season has been a very profitable one, on account of the scarcity of freights and the want of more vessels. Many have paid for themselves several times over. The same will be the case the coming season, and all the vessels built next year can get with the carrying business.

INTERESTING FROM KANSAS.

State Ticket—Affairs at Fort Leavenworth—Gen. Lane and Gen. Robinson—A New Western Importunist, &c., &c.

[Special Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Oct. 20th, 1861.

One gets a clearer idea, reaches to a more vivid realization of the existence of war—red handed and crimson lipped—at this place than at any point in the Free States which I have visited since last May. The reason of this is found in the proximity of Kansas to the rebel frontier, and the consequence, to the much larger proportion of the male population who are in service. In the streets of Leavenworth, certainly one-half of the citizens are enrolled in the regiments in active service, and a large proportion of the other are serving in the Home Guards, which henceforth is no sinecure, or holiday service. Uniforms are therefore much more common than civilian's dress. At the Fort the utmost activity prevails. Capt. Prince of the 4th Infantry, U. S. A., is the Commandant, and Capt. Eaton Assistant Quartermaster General. The forces at this point consists of four companies of regulars, artillery and infantry; several companies of the 5th Kansas, Col. Wessels, raised by the Executive for service within the State, and Col. C. R. Jennison's 1st Kansas Cavalry, or as its leader and the men delight to call themselves, **Independent Kansas Jayhawkers.** I shall have more to say of this corps in an after portion of this letter. This makes an available force at present, besides the organized Home Guards of the city, of at least 1,800 men. Fort Leavenworth is the largest army entrepot in the West. From it is supplied all the forts in Colorado, New Mexico, Nebraska and the Western Frontier of Kansas. At this time it is also the head-quarters for mustering in and equipping the volunteers in Kansas, Western and Northern Missouri, Nebraska and Western Iowa. Commercially the most active activity prevails here. Great anxiety has been felt in relation to its defence. Some weeks ago when the whole of North Missouri was overrun by the secession guerillas, arrangements were made to strengthen this position. The location was never chosen with regard to military availability, but in consequence of its central and accessible position for transporting and storing supplies. The common idea of a fort is not at all borne out. The buildings are the arsenal, storehouses, branches and residences for the commandants and officers. These latter and the branches are built in the form of a square, the centre of which is an inclosed grass plat, used for drills and parades. There are numbers of solidly built barracks, but no fortification or brick building, lately finished for an arsenal, and stabling for at least two thousand horses. There is nothing, however, about the entire establishment, in the vicinity of the Fort and upon the bluff overlooking the river, formidable earth works have been erected since the war now being mounted. Blockades and rifle pits for the protection of the skirmishers, &c., are also in process of construction. It may be fairly questioned, should an attack in improbable event now occur as an attack, Fort Leavenworth will be able to hold its own.

SECESSION PROCLIVITIES HERE.

There is considerable dissatisfaction expressed among the citizens here and in the city, at the retention in various important executive departments, of men whose whole past life and associations have been with the Southern faction. Under the former proslavery Administrations, the officers, both military and civil, were formed in a close corporation whose influence has always been used against the side of freedom and for the enslavement of Kansas. The Fort has always had an important political influence with all local contests and that has been brought to bear in favor of ultra Southern sentiments. When the present Administration came into power, some changes were made in the Quartermaster's and other Departments by the Secretary of War. For a long time, Captain Eaton, the present Assistant Quartermaster, refused to recognise these appointments. He was removed to the staff of General McClellan, and when finally compelled to recognise and install his successor, Captain Eaton, admitted the new encumbents. One of these had the temerity to remove one of Mr. Eaton's workmen and desks, and it was understood would remove several employees of supposed secession proclivities. To prevent this, contracts, let by the department, and formerly by the Quartermaster direct to this Department, are now sent through another channel, and the contractor is now in the power in a subordinate position and deprived by this trick of the power of appointing his clerks, etc. As to those now acting, evidence has been collected which, if published, or nothing, which will prove the charge of rebel sympathies against them, even, if not of "aid and comfort" to the rebels. Over one, two and five hundred affidavits have been taken in relation to this matter. Thus state of feeling destroys much of the efficiency of the post, and as far as the equipment of the troops and furnishing of the Kansas troops. It is charged that sick men are turned out of the Fort Hospital, on duty, and that the well men are discharged by the authorities here as unfit for service, in order to retard the formation of the regiments intended for Gen. Lane's command. So brings me to the dispute now raging in this State between

GOV. ROBINSON, GEN. JIM LANE AND CAPT. PRINCE.

Your readers have already perused the speech of Lane made in this city a short time since. Some extracts from the letter of Gov. Robinson in reply thereto have also been published in Northern papers, and the whole of it. If the speech of Gen. Lane was censurable, the reply of the Governor was even more so, for it not only attacked Lane, but as bitterly denounced the present President, his cabinet and the appointees of the Administration here. Sifting the statements of the partisans of both disputants, the sum total is many of the dead matters, I think the true state of affairs to be as follows:

GEN. JIM. LANE.

It is necessary to premise that Robinson and Lane have been bitter enemies from the first commencement of the struggle in Kansas. Both of them are as ambitious as it falls to the lot of men to be, but Lane has a subtle yet daring character; the most tireless body of any man I ever met; an intellect sometimes amounting to genius, but ever active in its flights; an insatiable ambition; great executive capacity, but very little regard for details. When he strikes it is like the sudden blow of a clenched hand to an unprepared man. He is full of the demagogue's subterfuges, while at the same time he possesses much of soldierly frankness and directness, and the qualities which, with a quick-sighted sagacity, enables him to see the bearing of popular currents. He has much of the Jacksonian democracy, which enables men to work untiringly in all defeats unto the end. Add to this, that, though he has decided democracy, which attracts to him by their natural chivalries, yet while all those about him *admire*, very few will be found to say that they *respect* him. If this does not fully paint Gen. Lane's mental and moral personality, I cannot put words into shape wherewith to better it. When Lane first came to Kansas as a Democrat, had just been voted in the House of Representatives for the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, and declared at Westport and Kansas City, Mo., that the only question with him as to slavery in Kansas was, whether the soil would grow hemp or not; that for his part he would not vote for a slave State unless a mule. He rode into power first by dividing the Free State party on the black law question at the Big Spring Convention, and Topeka Convention. As the contest deepened, Lane began to feel the screws himself. He was denounced as an Abolitionist by the border ruffians. Utilized in the winter of '55-6, he was among the first for resistance. To his zeal and energy was owing much of the unanimity in the defense made by the people of Lawrence, when the sack of that city was attempted. But as the strife went on, Lane overleaping the intermediate steps, both from impulse and from sagacious insight, became more radical until he stood in politics the acknowledged leader of the rallying anti-slavery school Kansas men. In a convention at Topeka, in July, 1857, he made a speech in which he used these words. He was speaking of the Democratic party, and in predicting its downfall, said—"I don't know, Mr. President, that I shall live to see the day, but before God I believe I shall, when this damned and brutal party will be broken to pieces; and when, from the waters of the Yellowstone on the North, to the warm and sunny Gulf on the South, one large line of free States shall stand themselves, an impenetrable barrier against which the western waves of this curse of slavery shall dash in vain. *Until that time I am a crusader for freedom.*

These last words express the spirit in which the men of Kansas are entering this fight. It also tells the secret of Lane's power over them. They know that whatever else he may be or may not be, he is true to the idea which has grown with the growth of Kansas, and which may now be expressed in a popular slogan, thus—*"Death to traitors and freedom for all who love it."* Against Judge Douglas the Topeka which nominated the present Governor in 1859, Lane is reported as saying in one of his speeches, in answer to the charge of having helped the Administration Democracy, while speaking of what Kansas had taught him, that—"It was with shame that he acknowledged it, but when he came to Kansas he cared nothing about this question of slavery. The only point with him was whether the soil would grow hemp or not; but, Mr. President, (as he continued, his eyes flashed, his frame dilated, his head seemed to tower,) "Bleeding Kansas has planted in my heart, and watered by the blood of her martyrs, has grown! and grown! and grown! until the tree is large enough now to *embattle for the Underground Railroad.*" This is Jim Lane. When in the United States Senate Chamber, during the extra session, he did not shirk from this position, as the files of the *Globe* will prove.

GOV. CHARLES ROBINSON

is a Massachusetts man and came to Kansas as the agent of the New England Emigrant Aid Society. He is a man of energy and executive capacity, possessed of undoubted physical courage, but lacking in many of the elements of moral stamina. Seen especially in the quality of persistency; except in so far as related to his personal fortune. Years have been spent in Kansas, and he is, I believe, honest, after his own fashion, in his devotion to it, no matter what public interests may suffer thereby. He is honorous and kind hearted, easy of approach, and has a host of friends. He is a man of his word, and a man who sticks by his friends through thick and through thin. He is a man of considerable political sagacity, which is also somewhat tinctured with cunning. He is a large creditor of the Lawrence Association, and on account of the side of the Union throughout the section to which the operations would extend.

STATE ELECTION.

To complicate the political differences existing here, a new one has been sprung. The Wyandott Convention framed the Constitution under which the State was admitted. The section defining the duties and duration of offices, limited the terms of these to two years after election and until their successors were elected. This was so closely contested in the Convention that the vote was taken by yeas and nays. Lane was a member of the Convention and voted for the section. Robinson, taking the newspaper announcements that Lane was made Brigadier General in the field, appointed certain officers, and Gen. Frank P. Blanton as U. S. Senator to fill the seat supposed to be vacated. In the Senatorial contest before the Legislature, Blanton received 31 votes, 13 Democratic and 7 Republican. The matter is yet in abeyance, and, in the meanwhile, Gen. Lane commands the Kansas Brigade and Gen. Blanton as Colonel in the service of Indiana, detailed by the President for special service. It is charged, and, judging by what I have personally seen, the charge is doubtless true, that commissions were held back from the officers of Lane's command, that at the Fort here, equipments were refused, and every delay thrown in the way. This, too, in addition to the annoyance of the Senatorial contest, etc., which the Governor forced upon Lane.

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AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATE.

15th Annual Meeting at Norwich, Ct., October 23 and 24.

[From the Norwich Bulletin.]

WEDNESDAY.—The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the American Missionary Association was convened in the Rev. Mr. Gulliver's Church, at 3 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon. The President, Rev. David Thurston, of Maine, called the meeting to order, and it was opened by reading the 23d Psalm and prayer.

Mr. Lewis Tappan, Treasurer of the Association, read his annual report, from which it appears that the receipts for the last year from all sources were $47,356.90, and the expenditures $51,819 00.

The following is a portion of the abstracts of the reports of the Foreign and Home Secretaries, Rev. George Walppole and Rev. S. S. Jocelyn:

A vindication of the principles of the Association in relation to slavery is thought to be unnecessary. The hostility of slavery to the spirit of Christianity is being rapidly developed, and the time must soon come when slaveholding will be treated by all Christians as sinful. There is danger that some will for get the missionary spirit in which we should labor for its removal.

Foreign Report.—Six missionaries and assistant missionaries have joined their missions for the first time, seven have returned to them after a short absence, and one is under appointment, waiting to be sent out. The superintendent is waiting for the foreign field a fitly nine.

The Mendi mission, West Africa, has seven stations and out-stations, besides a number of native towns in which stated missionary labor is performed. A theological class of four young men, educated at the mission, has been formed. They visit and preach in neighboring towns, and gather around them a Christian congregation. The teachers would act as evangelists. A commencement was made in this work, but it has been arrested for want of funds.

The country is entirely open; there is loud call for means to carry missionary work forward; the people are prepared to listen to the Gospel, and our missionaries earnestly appeal for help. This is not the time to slacken our efforts in behalf of Africa.

The mission in Jamaica has been greatly blessed. A powerful work of grace has spread over the island, in which the churches of our mission have largely shared. No such change has been the change that the people call it a "new religion." The number of additions to our mission churches was 151. The work has not ceased. The prospects are in all respects encouraging. But the people of Jamaica still need missionary labor to build them up and feed missionary labor to build them up and secure them from the retrograde tendencies to which long years of oppression have subjected them. With this there is good reason to hope they will become a central force, to work out good for the African race elsewhere.

At the mission among the Ojibue and Ottawa Indians are 58 church members, a few of whom are whites. Great good would result from a reinforcement. Government would enforce to the Indians, if Government would enforce the treaty relations for the exclusion of ardent spirits from their country.

The mission among the fugitives in Canada has connected with it five congregations, under the care of two ordained missionaries. This field is a hard one, but it is white unto harvest and prayer. The people need more missionaries and more schools, and many of the newly arrived fugitives need clothes and bedding.

At our mission in the Sandwich Islands during a part of the year the houses of worship have been thronged, and some conversions have taken place. The number of church members is 591.

A former member of Mr. Green's theological class has gone, with his wife, as missionaries to the Marquesas Islands. Mr. G. thinks the people will sustain them. During the last eighteen years Mr. Green says his people have contributed from twelve dollars to fifteen thousand dollars for the work at home and abroad. At the Sian mission there have been some encouraging results. The Gospel is living and active. The Lord is with us. He has invited Dr. Bradly to go to Siam as a physician. Dr. B. is urged in appeals for help. The A. M. A. wish to send another missionary there.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

The Association has had under commission nine and two *home missionaries* and three colporteurs, located mostly in the West. Seven of the missionaries are evangelists. They have had success enjoyed, and souls have been converted and added to the churches. A revival existed. In the Northwest the work has been prosecuted under unusual pecuniary embarrassment.

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Resolved, That we cannot cease to mourn over the sins of this whole nation, which have provoked the Almighty to permit the present rebellion against the Government, and pray that by our repentance, and bringing forth fruits meet for repentance, His just displeasure may be averted, and peace, founded upon righteousness, be restored to our country.

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Resolved, That we cordially commend the President of the United States, his Cabinet, and our brave army and navy, to the favor of God, and pray that they may be guided by His wisdom, and strengthened by His power.

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A new field of usefulness has been providentially opened at Fortress Monroe, Va., and Newport News, among the 10,000 troops who are there present time about 1,800 men, women and young persons, some of whom have been the change that the people call it a "new religion." The number of additions to our mission churches was 151. The work has not ceased. The prospects are in all respects encouraging. But the people of Jamaica still need missionary labor to build them up and feed them from the retrograde tendencies to which long years of oppression have subjected them. With this there is good reason to hope they will become a central force, to work out good for the African race elsewhere.

At the mission among the Ojibue and Ottawa Indians are 58 church members, a few of whom are whites. Great good would result from a reinforcement. Government would enforce to the Indians, if Government would enforce the treaty relations for the exclusion of ardent spirits from their country.

The mission among the fugitives in Canada has connected with it five congregations, under the care of two ordained missionaries. This field is a hard one, but it is white unto harvest and prayer. The people need more missionaries and more schools, and many of the newly arrived fugitives need clothes and bedding.

At our mission in the Sandwich Islands during a part of the year the houses of worship have been thronged, and some conversions have taken place. The number of church members is 591.

A former member of Mr. Green's theological class has gone, with his wife, as missionaries to the Marquesas Islands. Mr. G. thinks the people will sustain them. During the last eighteen years Mr. Green says his people have contributed from twelve dollars to fifteen thousand dollars for the work at home and abroad. At the Sian mission there have been some encouraging results. The Gospel is living and active. The Lord is with us. He has invited Dr. Bradly to go to Siam as a physician. Dr. B. is urged in appeals for help. The A. M. A. wish to send another missionary there.

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THE CITY.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.—We are requested to announce that there will be service in St. James church Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

CORRECTION.—In our last issue we erroneously fixed the time for the Sherman House soiree in aid of the Children's Home, upon this evening. The soiree will occur upon Thursday evening, Nov. 7th.

THANKS.—We are requested by Lieutenant Waller, Co. I, Yates' Phalanx, to return to the citizens of Mt. Pleasant, DeWitt Co., Ill. his hearty thanks for the presentation of a beautiful sword and sash.

ARRIVED.—Mrs. Yates, who has for a long time been Resident Matron at the hospitals at Cairo, and more latterly at Bird's Point, is at present in the city, making arrangements for convalescence and comforts for the sick and wounded.

ERRONEOUS.—In our issue of October 1st we copied from a Colorado paper, the announcement of the death of Leonard C. Wemple, of this city. We are now informed that the statement is erroneous as his friends have heard from him since that time.

THE COLBY INVESTIGATION.—The Colby investigation which was to have been resumed last evening, was again deferred by absence of a quorum. The council adjourned until Wednesday next, at which time Ald. Colby will be investigated—if there is a quorum present.

BOLD ROBBERY.—George Mansur, who keeps a saloon on the corner of Clark and Kinzie streets, was robbed of $11.50 on Tuesday night by some bold thief who entered his apartment and abstracted his wallet from the pockets of his pants, while he was asleep.

A LIBELLOUS DOCUMENT.—The author of a libellous hand bill called the *Revolutionist*, which is being distributed about the streets and horse cars, is reported to be A. Judson Higgins, who imagines himself to be a candidate for the office of Clerk of the County Court.

THE CENTRAL SKATING PARK.—The Central Skating Park on Michigan Avenue, just south of Twelfth street, is now completed and in readiness for the first ice of the season. The tickets are now ready for distribution and may be procured of the Manager, Caryl Young, at the office of Belden & Young, No. 95 South Clark street.

CANDIDATES' MEETING.—The candidates upon the Union ticket had a social gathering yesterday forenoon to arrange for the election. Both Charley Farwell and Long John were present in the same room, each occupying, however, opposite corners. The meeting was very harmonious, the Antipodes for once agreeing upon all points.

THE TRIBUNE'S QUOTA.—In our issue of yesterday, we mentioned the fact of the enlistment of Martin Quinn, an employee of this office, in the Wisconsin Irish brigade. In this connection it may be stated that the *Tribune* has sent to the wars as its quota, eighteen men, among whom are two sergeants, two second lieutenants, one first lieutenant, one captain and one major, the latter enlisting as privates.

CIRCUIT COURT.—In the case of Michael Doyle *vs.* Henry Hagenard, which has been on trial in the Circuit Court for a few days past, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. The case involved the right to the possession of ten acres of land and a large three-story brick dwelling house in the North Division. The circumstances which gave rise to the litigation arose from the depreciation of the currency of our State.

HALLOW EEN.—This evening is the anniversary of All Hallow's Evening, or Hallow Eve, a festival peculiar to the Scotch and English. We understand that it will be quite generally celebrated by our Scotch and English citizens. All Hallows is but another version of All Saints Day, a festival observed by the Roman Catholic Church in honor of the angels and saints. Our English and Scotch friends have given a happy version to the day by making it the anniversary of those little aerial people, the fairies, who upon this evening, above all others, delight in merry making and mischief.

HOME BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY.—A movement has been set on foot by some of our best citizens, all business men, to organize a Home Battery of Light Artillery. It is to be a full battery, 156 men, 80 of which number are already identified with the movement. Two guns will be immediately procured and practice commenced. The design of this movement is to establish a school of instruction in gunnery—not to make officers but gunners. None but men of integrity and character will be admitted. For particulars inquire of C. R. Vandercook, Esq., at the Board of Public Works.

THE 19TH REGIMENT.—Captain Shepley of company I, 19th Illinois Regiment, will leave for Elizabethtown, Kentucky, where the company is now stationed, on Friday morning. Friends desiring to send packages to the boys of the 19th can leave them at the recruiting office, on Dearborn street, opposite the Post Office, or at Captain Shepley's residence, 94 La Salle street. Captain Shepley was originally Second Lieutenant in company K, but on the death of Captain Howard, of company I, was designated by Colonel Tarchin to fill the vacancy on account of his meritorious and efficient conduct as an officer.

SCANDINAVIAN MEETING.—The Committee of Arrangements of the recent Scandinavian Volunteers' Festival, held at West Market Hall, had a meeting last Tuesday evening, which resulted in the election of a committee of three ladies, a treasurer and a secretary, to dispose of the proceeds of that occasion, which are $190.05. The committee of ladies will visit the families of soldiers enlisted in the St. Olaf's Rifles, and draw orders, signed by the secretary or the treasurer for such sums as the case may seem to require, as long as the fund lasts; and when the fund shall have been exhausted, they will give a public account of the disposal of this money now in their hands for such distribution.

PERSONAL.—Lieutenant Colonel Day of Marshall's cavalry, which was in service at Lexington, Mo., is at present stopping at the Briggs House, where he is confined to his bed by wounds received at the seige. He is now under the care of Dr. Isham, who thinks his early recovery is a matter of certainty. Lieut. Col. Day is still a prisoner of war, but thinks that he will be speedily liberated by regular exchange. We trust that so gallant a man and true soldier will not long remain inactive, but may soon be permitted by the rules of war to rejoin his command. In this connection we may state that a meeting of the commissioned officers of his regiment is in session at Springfield to-day, in consultation upon the alleged cowardice of Col. Marshall.

J. G. LUMBARD'S BENEFIT CONCERT.—Our readers will not forget the concert of Mr. Lumbard this evening, the programme of which will be found in another column. The selections we think are particularly happy, consisting of two brilliant operatic cavatinas, and eight English songs and ballads.

Mrs. Bostwick gives us an Italian selection and a song by Fesca. Mrs. Mattison will sing for the first time, a grand sacred song, written expressly for her magnificent voice by Mr. E. A. Payne, the composer and conductor. Mr. George R. Root sings Schubert's "Wanderer," and will accompany one of his own pleasing ballads. Mr. Frank Stark will perform two brilliant piano forte pieces, and Messrs. Lombards will introduce choice selections from their large repertoire of songs. The concert promises to be one of the finest of the season, and the acknowledged merit and generous liberality of the beneficiary in the past should secure for him a handsome token of appreciation at the hands of the musical public this evening. We advise our readers who would secure an eligible seat to go early.

JOHN H. MUHLIKE.

The authors of the People's Ticket, believing that our patriotic citizens of German birth were entitled to a candidate on their ticket, nominated JOHN H. MUHLIKE, who is well known and popular among his countrymen. Mr. Muhlike is a member of the dry goods firm of Bigelow, Muhlike & Co., 181 Lake street. He is a highly respectable citizen, of many commendable talents, and from his long residence in this country, understands its laws, institutions and language about as well as a native. In politics he is a Republican. His associates on the ticket is Samuel Ashton, a Democrat. The Germans think it is fairly due to them to have one of the *four* delegates to the Constitutional Convention, as they comprise fully one-third of the population of the city and county.

THE PEOPLE ON ANOTHER BENDER.

Meeting in the Court-House Square.

NEW BARNBURNERS BORN THE STRONG.

When the much abused People's Convention adjourned on Tuesday night, in darkness and hubbub, it adjourned to meet at Bryan Hall last evening. The great unwashed not knowing the programme, supposed the adjournment genuine, and came as the winds come—with a rush, to Bryan Hall at an early hour last evening. The crowd gathered as the time of opening neared, until, at half past seven, it numbered several hundreds. But no speakers arrived. The hall was not opened. It was cold, cloudy and cheerless. Another half hour passed away, and the Court House bell dismally tolled eight o'clock. Precisely at the last stroke of the bell, one of the crowd was seized with the brilliant idea of adjourning to the Court House Square, and dishing up some extempore speeches.

THE COURT HOUSE SQUARE MEETING.

The people had come to hear speeches, and accordingly were struck with the practical idea laid before them. They came to the Court House Square as the waves come—all together with a splash, and washed over into the Square, took their stations upon the north side of the grounds, swarmed upon the steps and mounted the lamp posts. Then the people lifted up their voices and cried lustily for a speech. They kept crying for a speech. At last their vocal efforts were rewarded by the appearance of Dick Hamilton, who expressed his entire willingness to make a speech and did so, as follows:

DICK HAMILTON'S SPEECH.

Fellow-citizens—(cries of "that's good," "go it Dick.") Fellow-citizens—(Laughter intermingled with cries of "well, you've said that once, go on.") Fellow citizens—(the crowd gave a Metropolitan Hall howl, some suggesting that the Speaker had better "dry up.") Fellow-citizens—the delegates to the Constitutional Convention—(cries of "Oh! do go on," "take off your hat," "sit down," "Dixter," etc.) Fellow-citizens, the delegates to the Convention—(Immense laughter and a positive order from the crowd to sit down.)

And he did sit down.

CHARLEY CAMERON TRIES IT.

By this time the people were ripe for fun, and espying Charley Cameron in the crowd, made vigorous calls for a speech. Charley complied with the request of the people. His remarks, however, not suiting the crowd, he was requested to subside and did so.

DICK HAMILTON TRIES IT AGAIN.

At the close of the last speaker's remarks, the crowd, in a good natured manner, gave three cheers for the Court House clique, three more for the Anti-Court House, three for Charley Farwell, three for Long John, and wound up with three for everybody, and another call for speakers. Dick Hamilton answered the call, and removing his hat, proceeded to make a speech, but was interrupted by some one who suggested that he would take cold if he didn't put his hat on. Dick put his hat on, and was then requested to take it off. Dick took it off, when a voice sung out, "Why don't you put on that hat as I told you?" Dick put it on, and commenced very patiently fifteen times to make a speech, at each attempt getting as far as "fellow-citizens." While he was vainly trying to reach the third word, Long John came in sight, and a unanimous call for "Long John," "Long Shoe," and "Misther Wintworth," was made.

LONG JOHN FLOORED.

Long John dragged out the auctioneer's box and mounting the rostrum, said he had come forward in behalf of the police. He was told that if he made one of his speeches it would disperse the crowd. [A voice—"Now tell us how you got on the Union ticket."] He said he had been asked about the Court House Clique. The Court House Clique was a good deal like the Todd family, Abe Lincoln was connected with. Those who couldn't get offices under Abe Lincoln got them under Jeff. Davis. The Court House Clique had rather ride than go afoot. And so had he.

A voice—"You're big enough to walk," (Cries of "that's so," "hit him again).

The speaker then commenced a dissertation on Wild Cat money, being often interrupted by cries of "put him out," "you're a brave talker," "a dry up," and other elegant extracts.

During a comparative silence and while the speaker was vigorously slaying Wild Cats, a person in the crowd sung out in a loud voice, "Say, Mr. Wentworth, are you in favor of the election of Charley Farwell?"

The question struck the speaker like a shot from a rifled cannon. He floundered about, kicked and struggled for a few minutes, final by he didn't see that that had any thing to do with the currency question, and suddenly disappeared, amid the howls and laughter of the crowd, remarking that if they didn't want to hear him, they had better do the talking themselves.

DICK HAMILTON UP AGAIN.

The inevitable Dick Hamilton seeing a vacuum jumped in and filled it up by getting into the auctioneer box amid universal shouts of "throw him out of that," "pitch him down." Dick attempted to make a speech but was stopped by the crowd, who seized the box and by a vigorous series of bumps and jolts succeeded in turning it bottom side up and spilling out the doughty speaker, who thereupon subsided for the rest of the evening.

MR. CUMMINGS.

The box being righted another speaker arose. The crowd without any ceremony demanded the name of the speaker, and the speaker replied "My name is Cummings." The crowd in turn suggested that they didn't know him, and that he needn't trouble himself to speak. The speaker was of the same opinion and acquiesced in the decision of the crowd and was silent.

"MY NAME IS CRAWFORD."

Another ambitious speaker mounted the box, and took the crowd by the forelock, by announcing that his name was Crawford. He would make a motion that a meeting be held at Metropolitan Hall on Thursday evening, to nominate a ticket. The crowd voted unanimously in the affirmative, and unanimously in the negative, and the motion was declared unanimously carried.

THE MEETING ADJOURNS.

Henry Greenebaum then mounted the box and very sensibly made a speech upon the war, which was favorably received. Dick Hamilton attempted to make a speech again, but was summarily suppressed. Johannes Koonis, a burly Teuton, upon being requested to hurry up, mildly ordered the crowd to "stop their noise." The crowd only howled the louder, and Johannes, in a mighty rage, ordered them "to go mit der bed and go to sheep."

As it had already commenced raining, and some one had stolen the auctioneer's box, the crowd seemed favorably struck with the idea and commenced dispersing. The meeting was a good natured one, destitute of the violent character which marked the Metropolitan Hall meeting, and afforded a world of merriment and an unlimited opportunity for laughter. As long as politicians are in no worse business than making laughing stocks of themselves, the country is safe.

Arrest of a Noted Counterfeiter.

A young man named Wiley Van Duzer was arrested yesterday for passing counterfeit money. Van Duzer has been arrested before upon a similar complaint, and has long been notorious from his connection with gangs of counterfeiters. Van Duzer arrived in this city on Saturday night with a large amount of counterfeit bills on the Bank of Syracuse, N. Y., the same money against which we cautioned our readers a day or two since. Between seven and eight o'clock on Saturday evening, Van Duzer commenced his operations upon State street, and disposed of a large quantity of the worthless stuff at various stores upon that street. The same evening he took the train for Milwaukee, where it is supposed he passed the balance of the money, as none of it has been found in his possession. Van Duzer again returned to this city yesterday, and went to his mother's house in the West Division, where the police, who had been on the watch for him, discovered him. His mother, Sybil Van Duzer, armed herself with a knife in one hand and pistol in the other and made a desperate resistance. She was soon overpowered and both mother and son were taken into custody. The former was brought before the Police Magistrate yesterday and bound over, on her own recognizance, for trial, to answer the charge of resisting a police officer. The latter is still in custody awaiting examination. In the mean time all those who have been victimized with this Syracuse money are requested to call at the Central Police Station, at the Court House, for the purpose of more fully identifying the prisoner.

HOUSE FOR THE FRIENDLESS.—An effort is being made by the ladies of the Methodist and other friends of the House, will be held at Bryan Hall this (Thursday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock, to hear reports of the operations of the past year, plans adopted for the furtherance of the work to be taken up for the ensuing year, and all other business that may come before the meeting.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, the Western Presidency of the Pacific Railroad has the pleasure to announce that the first locomotive will arrive at Omaha on the 24th inst. It will be a matter of gratification to the public to learn that Hon. J. D. Caton of Ottawa, President of the Illinois and Mississippi Telegraph Company, has secured the location of the Eastern terminus of the Pacific Telegraph, in Chicago, instead of at St. Louis. By this arrangement all California messages will be sent to the Union office in this city, and hence dispatched to their various destinations. The tariff of rates for transmitting messages from Chicago to San Francisco is $4.95 for the first ten words, and 45 cents for each additional word.

The Board of Trade, at their session yesterday, passed a vote of thanks to Judge Caton for his successful efforts to consummate this desirable result. The importance of the measure cannot be too highly estimated in a business point of view, both in affording unusual and convenient facilities for the receipt and transmission of intelligence and in making Chicago the head quarters of news reports and the focus of an increased telegraph business.

Important Action of the Board of Trade.

An important movement is on foot among the prominent members of the Board of Trade to build a new elevator on joist stock account, with a capital of $125,000, in one hundred dollar shares. The elevator is to be called the "People's" and will have a capacity of one million bushels. If it shall have a tendency to reduce the rates of storage and produce fair dealing—and that it will, is evinced by the popularity of the movement among the grain dealers—it will certainly prove a consummation devoutly to be wished for.

The Condition of the Army.

Rev. Mr. Collyer, who has just returned from Missouri, where he has acted as agent of the Sanitary Commission, preached last Sunday an eloquent discourse, in which he gave an interesting account of his labors.

The large audience were much affected by the pathetic recital of Mr. Collyer, and the desire has been generally expressed that the sermon should be repeated in the form of a lecture, on some occasion when the public might avail themselves of the privilege of listening to the interesting story.

Mr. Collyer has therefore kindly consented to deliver the discourse in Bryan Hall next Monday evening, Nov. 4th. It is proposed to charge an admission fee of twenty five cents, the proceeds of the lecture to be devoted to the purposes of the Ministry at large. Mr. Collyer, from the nature of his office, has enjoyed unusual advantages for ascertaining the condition, physical and moral, of our soldiers, and his graphic eloquence imparts added interest to a story which of itself has a strong claim upon our sympathies. The many who have friends in either Division of the army will be glad of this opportunity to learn from so reliable a source their precise condition. The hall should be crowded.

Address of the People's Committee to the Voters of Cook County.

FELLOW CITIZENS: The result of the public meeting held at Metropolitan Hall last evening, as published in most of the journals of this city, renders it highly necessary and proper that the undersigned should submit for your consideration a brief statement of facts as to the part we have taken in bringing before the Electors of Cook county the ticket in opposition to the one nominated at Bryan Hall on the 26th inst., and well known as the "Court House Clique Ticket."

As soon as the result of that Convention had been announced to the public, indignation seemed to pervade the better classes of our entire community, and the open handed traffic of bargain and sale for office engaged in by most of those who succeeded in foisting themselves upon the ticket. The result was so much of our best citizens were soon in all parts of the city, openly denouncing the whole thing.

A hastily printed invitation, emanating as we are informed and believe, from a ward in the city, neither asking nor wasting office, was indiscriminately sent to about 200 of the taxpayers of the city, all deeply interested in matters of this kind, to assemble there to meet on Friday evening, which resulted in calling together about 100 tax payers to represent about 100 wards and parties. At this meeting, C. G. Wicker presided, and after the exclusion of office seekers, several propositions as to the best mode to be adopted to bring out a ticket which would commend itself to the public confidence, in opposition to the one of Bryan Hall, it was finally concluded to submit it to a convention of four from each ward, and one from each town, and to avoid all objections usually urged against the one-horse power to pack a convention or a committee, as is too often the case in large mass meetings, great caution was used to raise a committee of 50 who deliberated for 24 hours, and finally settled upon the names undersigned, to makes out a People' ticket to be reported at a mass meeting on Tuesday evening, for endorsement or rejection by the electors.

We accepted the post assigned us with an honest intention to serve no man or set of men, but the voters generally. Our chief desire was to present good and true men, without fear or favor. In the discharge of that trust we found it extremely difficult to satisfy the wishes of some, some ambitions for themselves, others for their friends, but upon the whole we feel confident that the ticket we had the honor to present to the Metropolitan Hall will command the respect and support of all citizens who are honestly opposed to the iron and corrupt rule of a clique who have too long governed our city affairs.

The public clamor made at Metropolitan Hall against our movement was confined principally to the kind of politicians who expect to be paid at every election, basin of the market in hands nothing but merited contempt, and we trust that the citizens of the city and county in the Bryan Hall gang who send them there, at the election next Tuesday, by the triumphant election of the subjoined ticket, every man of which will truly and honestly represent the city.

CITY DELEGATES.

Elphalet Wood,	John Martin,
H. D. Colvin,	Wm. Ira Bula,
S. G. D. Howard,	Geo. Leverenz,
John W. Vaughn,	William Hunt,
H. A. Clark,	Samuel Hoffman,
H. L. Stewart,	Redmond Sheridan,
Julius Rosenthall,	Valentine Lesser,
Isaac Greenfelder,	John Cassels,
A. D. Titsworth,	Peter Peterson,
Isaac Wells,	Samuel Ashton,
H. C. Nash,	Samuel Lamparter,
John Newton,	Charles Charleston,
Fred Brower,	Edward Henstead,
S. Myers,	S. M. Johnson,
Mark Sheridan,	Christian Clary,
Charles Schell	John York,
Jas. A. Boyer,	P. H. Ball,
J. S. Small,	Clement,
C. R. Jones,	Malcolm McDonald,
E. S. Warner,	Philip Moser.
A. K. Bond,	

COUNTY DELEGATES.

Worth, A. K. Bond; Leyden, N. D. Woodville; Lemont, William A. Derby; Orland, Wm. Jackson; Niles, Peter Annan; Palos, Patrick Kane; Thornton, John Hollister; Hyde Park, H. N. Hibbard: South Chicago, Barney McCann; West Chicago, A. Cigborne, Clerc, —Crawford.

We commend to the above address:

R. A. B. Mills, A. H. Holden, Otto Matschiechert, John Wright, H. F. Hamilton, J. J. Richards, Thos. Clowry, Dr. A. A. Boyer, B. W. Raymond, J. F. D. Elliott, Thos. Barrett, L. Lamperis, Philip Dean, F. C. Haines, Wm. B. Snowhook, John Nibbe, James M Mullen, G. B. Hubbard, Matthew Schaub, D. S. M'Lean, E. Rawson, J. A. Huck, David Walsh, Chas. Relia, C. G. Wicker,

Committee.

THE TICKET.

For Judge of the Superior Court—JOHN M. WILSON.

Clerk of the Superior Court—THOS. B. CARTER.

County Judge—JAMES B. BRADWELL.

County Clerk—L. P. HILLIARD.

County Treasurer—MICHAEL KOSINY.

County Surveyor—JOHN WENTWORTH.

Associate Justices—HERMAN SCHNEIDER, T. B. BLACKSTONE.

Delegates to Convention	50th Dist.	VAN H. HIGGINS, B. G. CALDFIELD.
	57th Dist.	JOHN H. MUHLER, SAM. ASHTON.

TOWN OFFICES.

West Chicago—Town Supervisor—H. Whitbeck; Assistant Supervisor, T. R. Johnson; Assessor, H. A. Wyckoop; Collector, John Julian; Clerk, Martin Mayan; 1st Ward Supervisor, H. S. Culver; 6th do Joseph Wilson; 10th do John Wycoop.

North Chicago—Town Supervisor, Joseph Waldhauser; Assistant Supervisor, Chas. Charleston; Collector, Christopher Johnson; Assessor, Chas. A. Balmuth; Town Clerk, John J. O'Reilly; 7th Ward, Supervisor, John Gamble; 8th do., C. Lampartner; 9th do., Sam'l McKay.

Card from Gilbert C. Walker.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30, 1861.

Stephen Clary, Esq., President of People's Mass Convention:

DEAR SIR: I have this morning learned that the Convention over which you presided last evening put me in nomination for the office of County Judge.

I regret to say that I cannot accept the nomination, for the reason that I am ineligible. The statute upon this subject is in these words, viz: "No person shall be eligible to the office of Judge of any Court in this State who is not a citizen of the United States, and who shall not have resided in this State for five years next preceding his election," &c.

Not having been a resident of this State for five years, I could not hold the office if elected. Heartily thanking the members of the Convention for this manifestation of their confidence and esteem, I am,

Yours, truly,

GILBERT C. WALKER.

Unpaid Letters.

The following letters, detained in the Chicago Post Office for postage, will be forwarded to the Dead Letter Office, on Monday next, unless the postage is previously paid. Call at the room of the Dead Letter Clerk, up stairs:

P. O. Box 318, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Emma Phoenix, Chicago, Ill.
Robert A. Gillespie, Quincy, Ill.
Sargent Corey, Joliet, Ill.
Mrs. Ryder, Wooster, Ill.
Station Agent, Bushnell, Ill.
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Meeting of the Board of Education.

The Board of Education held their regular meeting on Tuesday, and the following business of importance was transacted:

Mr. Ward, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, presented a report respecting the progress of the new School House in the South Division, and the new branch building of the Scammon School; also respecting improvements commenced on the upper floor of the Lawrence School.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter, the question of filling the grounds around the new School Building in the South Division, was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with power to act.

On motion of Mr. Newberry, the Committee on Buildings was instructed to remove the boiler in the basement of the Ogden School, to the outside of the building.

On motion of Mr. Foster, Chairman of the Committee on the examination of teachers, certificates of qualifications to teach were granted to Mary G. Hooper, Sue M. Weatherhead, Mary O. Dicker, Agnes W. Town, Margaret A. Town, Laura A. Merritt, Angelina Bezzell, Electa I. Walker, Ellen Snood, Mary Wells, Mary Ann Gilbert, and Clara B. Thatcher.

Dr. Foster, also reported that Gertrude Lawton and Hattie A. Briggs, had been admitted to seats in the Normal Department of the High School.

Dr. Foster, of the Committee on the appointment of Teachers, reported the following appointments and transfers since the last meeting of the Board:

Lucy A. Kendall, appointed assistant in the Washington School, Abbie M. Sanford, teacher in the Wood school, transferred to the Jones School; Ada C. Miller, assistant in the Jones School; Ada Gilford, assistant in the Kinzie School; Marion Mackesy, assistant in the Jones School; Ella A. Rimball, assistant in the Newberry School; Sue M. Weatherhead, assistant in the Scammon School; Carrie Hatch, transferred from the Kinzie to the Washington School; Ada C. Miller, transferred from the Jones to the Washington School.

Reports were presented by several of the Committees on the different Schools.

A communication was received from Miss M. A. Merriman, declining the position lately taking as appointment as head assistant in said School, and on motion of Dr. Foster, it was laid on the table.

The Superintendent reported that Wm. Tobey, who was connected with the disturbances in the Moseley School in April last, had returned to the west in said School.

Mr. Carpenter was called to the chair, and Mr. Dore offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

WHEREAS, it has come to the knowledge of this Board that William Tobey is in a great degree responsible for the difficulties that occurred in the Moseley School, in April last, therefore

Resolved, That the interests of said school require his expulsion therefrom, and that he is hereby expelled.

Mr. Dore resumed the Chair.

The Superintendent presented a report respecting the crowded condition of the Moseley and Kinzie School, also the petition of the teachers in the Industrial School Association to lease to the Board a School House on Liberty street in the South Division, and one on Bremer street in the North Division.

On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the matter was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds and the Superintendent with power to act.

Mr. Steele offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committees on the several schools in their monthly reports of the condition of the Public Schools, shall make a separate statement to the Board of the condition of the buildings and grounds occupied by the schools, and the manner in which they are kept and cared for.

NO FOR THE COUNTRY.—An agent, sent out by "The City Mission," reports a want of at least fifty men between this and Odessa, to husk corn and gather in the large crop. The average pay is $13 a month and board. We doubt not there is a demand in almost every part of the State. Those men who have heretofore gone down south to work can thus benefit their families nearer home. Let no able-bodied man look for help this winter, who is mean enough to idle about the city when work is begging for hands in the country. Sober, able-bodied men can apply at 96 North Franklin street for information, from 12 to 1 o'clock. E. B. TUTTLE, City Missionary.

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DIED:

At his residence, on Ho Grand street, on Tuesday, 29th October, PATRICK POTTET. Friends of Congregational Church, corner Ho Grand street and Cottage, evening, at 7½ o'clock, on Friday, Nov. 1st. Friends are especially invited to attend.

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MONETARY.

Money for all legitimate business purposes continues abundant. The trade of the city was never better supplied, and the cheap rates of exchange are very satisfactory to our merchantile classes. For several months past it has ruled at a quarter per cent premium—a small margin only in favor of the purchaser—and could get a figure in the vicinity of the city. If our people continue to sell enough to pay for what they buy; especially if they insist on having a sound convertible currency, the price of New York exchange can never go much above what it is now.

We have always declared that specie is a low price, when our fertile prairies shall all be brought under cultivation, exchange will rule in our favor, and sell at a discount in this market. Our grain receipts for 1860 are already enormous, and the crop for the year will foot up considerably more than FIFTY MILLIONS OF BUSHELS. Surely our people ought not to consume the proceeds of such an immense surplus, and when for any considerable time they do not, our customers must settle the balance of trade in note, and exchange must rule in our favor. Considerable discussion is going on in well informed circles as to the effect our lack of a local currency will have upon the capital of the city. It is contended that its tendency is to aggregate capital, real money here, and if that policy is pursued that it will add immensely to the wealth of the city. Certain it is, that since our infamous currency went under, there has been more gold in circulation at the West than ever before. What currency we have is readily convertible, and everything moves along smoothly. The example of New York is cited. With a capital of $70,000,000, a specie reserve of from thirty-five to forty millions, a discount line of about $150,000,000, and deposits from a hundred millions and upwards, the New York banks have a circulation usually less than *ten millions* of dollars. Surely these facts prove that currency is not necessary to successful banking. More than that, they prove that the less currency the more real money a commercial city will have. Special pleading may attempt to bury out of sight this inevitable conclusion; but such facts as the statistics of the New York banks afford, are, or should be, worth a thousand fine spun arguments.

Acting upon the bitter experience of the past, our business public seem in no hurry to increase the volume of our currency. Both the Merchants' Association and the Board of Trade, and in fact our entire community, have determined to vote down the law establishing the "Union Bank of Illinois." Its provisions have been fully discussed and its defects pointed out in our editorial columns, and need not be repeated here. Our people prefer coin to currency, however good it may be. The example of New York should be rigidly followed. The fact needs no better illustration, that the less of "promises to pay" our business public tolerate, the more money they will have. Surely Chicago and the State of Illinois have paid enough for, and should understand

their lesson thoroughly.

Exchange is a shade closer; but the outside and Board of Trade rates are still par@¼. The banks charge ¼ Gold, buying ¾@¾ selling ¾@¾ premium. The higher figure is for small parcels.

MILWAUKEE.—We quote the following from the *Sentinel* of Wednesday:

Monetary matters were quiet and unchanged yesterday. The meager shipment of produce rendered business dull, and the banks paid but little cent. freely for New York sight, selling at 1 per cent. premium. The supply of currency holds out fully equal to the demand, which is now comparatively limit ed at present. Gold is in good demand, and bringing ¼ per cent. premium. Country money is plenty.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.—The following are the closing prices for cash October 30, 1861:

	1st board.	2d board.
New York Central, R. R. stock	70¾	70¾
Galena	70¾	70¾
Hock Island	61¾	61¾
Burlington & Quincy	81¾	81¾
Michigan Southern, (preferred)	49¾	
Michigan Southern, (common)	18¾	18¾
Cleveland & Toledo	30¾	30¾
Tennessee 6 per cent. bonds	42	42
Missouri 6s	37¾	37¾
Virginia 6s	47	46¾

Market, 1st board firm; 2d board firm.

ST. LOUIS.—The *Democrat* of this morning says:

The decline of exchange, or the advance of current money, was the only noteworthy feature of the money market to-day. Some houses were buying exchange at one cent premium for the notes of the current banks, and gold was selling at 6 to 7 per cent. We have heard that the Merchants' Bank drew exchange at 5 per cent., but how this is we cannot say. The disbursements of the Government on account of the Quartermaster's Department will, in addition to the amount of exchange now in the market, make money matters very easy, and business will go on smoothly, and with much more activity.

NEW YORK.—The weekly averages of the banks of the city of New York, on Saturday, Oct. 26, 1861, present in the aggregate the following changes from the previous exhibit of Oct. 19:

Decrease in Loans	$4,530,799
Decrease in Specie	1,015,748
Decrease in Circulation	168,090
Decrease in undrawn Deposits	4,717,109

Included in the "banking house" operations of the week, which show the inter-exchanges between the Banks, and including also the Sub-Treasury specie average of the week, the following is the general comparison with the previous exhibit, and also with the movement this time last season:

	Oct. 26, 1860.	Oct. 19, 1861.	Oct. 26, 1861.
Capital	$60,158,000	$69,090,000	$69,090,000
Loans	120,863,936	147,868,665	151,699,464
Specie	24,798,890	43,960,616	41,944,868
Circulation	9,136,108	6,015,748	5,847,658
Gross Deposits	107,016,026	140,364,157	140,364,157
Exchanged	38,950,427	18,599,924	20,467,267
Undrawn	66,065,613	121,764,233	121,896,890
In Sub-Treasy	4,987,008	7,110,217	9,127,107

The week opens on a quiet money market. There is very little doing outside of Merchants' paper which is in good demand, and the supply of which is fairly adequate.

The week's gold movement is as follows:

Specie in Sub-Treasury, Oct. 19	$7,110,217
Receipts from Customs	1,877,780
Total	$8,987,997
Payments	1,860,890
Specie in Sub-Treasury, Oct. 26	$7,127,107

The Sub-Treasury disbursements heavily to-day, including $507,000 repaid to the Bankers on their overdrawn advances. A draft of 10 @ cent., of $3,500,000, the first instalment on the second call of October 15, granted by the Banks to the Government, is notified for Tuesday (to-morrow.) The subscriptions and payments into the Sub-Treasury on account of the 7.30 @ cent. Loan now about $700,000. The business at the Sub-Treasury to-day was as follows: Payments, $1,860,890, including $360,133 for Treasury Notes, and $20,000 for Customs; receipts, $1,858,697, including received 9 cent. notes; balance, this afternoon, $6,316,763.

COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Oct. 30, 1861.

RECEIPTS LAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

	Flour, bris.	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Bar. bu.
Chicago	1977	10254	40947	100	1900	
G. & C. U. R. R	1938	50435	9973	1515	730	414
R. I. R. R.	900	12200	1000	1000	200	400
Ill. C. R. R.	1675	22760	25350	850	.....	1400
C. R. I. & P. R. R.	700	16404	10808	.....	.....	.....
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Chicago Tribune.

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and preserve the Union, we have shown conclusively that the emancipation of the slaves of rebels and traitors may be resorted to as property and necessarily incident to our main purpose. We do not propose further to debate these points, or to weary our readers with any repetition of an argument upon them. We propose now, in reference to this measure, the simple question at the head of this article—Why Not? All question in regard to the enormity and wickedness of the rebellion has long ago been settled. The fixed determination of the loyal States to put forth their utmost power and energy in crushing it has been sufficiently vindicated. The magnitude and importance of the contest is no longer debateable. For the purpose of arousing the energies of loyal people, and awakening them to the stern reality of events that had just begun to open with unparalleled suddenness and rapidity, the speeches of such patriots as Joseph Holt and Daniel S. Dickinson were well timed. But to-day such harangues would fall tamely upon the ears of thoroughly aroused champions of loyalty. Practical questions only now occupy our consideration. And this question of emancipation is eminently practical. If resolved upon and carried out with firmness and efficiency, it will prove in the contest a most potent element of success. In every conceivable point of view it will tend to weaken the rebellion. Then why not resort to it? We are told that it will divide the loyal men of the country. But how? Will it drive loyal men into the ranks of the rebels? Will it induce them to turn traitors? The antecedents of some antiquated politicians may induce them to growl at any measure that interferes with their old partisan notions, but it is declared by competent authority that the confiscation of a rebels, property shall extend to the emancipation of his slaves, what do such men propose to do about it? Let it be remembered that every man who gives aid and comfort to the enemy is himself a traitors. Will these men become traitors for the sake of slavery? Do they prefer human bondage and the sway of irresponsible lust and power to the preservation of the Union and the triumph of Justice and Right? We would rejoice to administer this test to their patriotism. If there are men among us who will be true and loyal only so long as the war is carried on just according to their views of propriety, what are they better than the rebels who are seeking to overthrow the Government for no better reason? For ourselves we have no fears upon this point. With a love for the Union and devotion to the country that is limited by no personal considerations, we would risk all upon the sanction by the people of the extremest action in this direction that the authorities can be nerved up to take. The masses of the loyal men of the country will never sacrifice the Union to slavery. There will be no division among them. A few may threaten and bluster, but they dare not act. We say to such men that the great car of human progress is rolling on. It will crush every obstacle. Let them clear the track when the bell rings.

It is also said that emancipation will dishearten and drive from us the loyal men of the Slave States. That is a mere assumption. We have failed to discover a single indication to support it. On the contrary, we believe there are thousands of true loyal men in Kentucky and Maryland, and Virginia and Missouri, and even Texas, who would hail it with delight. They are not only loyal to the Government, they are loyal to humanity. Living in the midst of slavery, they have been to some extent borne down and enervated by its inevitable tendencies. Emancipation would fill them with new vigor and energy. They would rally with renewed zeal around the flag of our Union, feeling assured that the defeat of the rebellion would bring to them and to the States they live in, more than to any others beneficial results, that it would wipe out a terrible hereditary curse that had feared would forever hold them and their children in its stifling grasp. Indeed, they would almost bless the rebellion for creating such a golden opportunity.

We repeat the question then. Why not? Why not destroy the great fountain of treason, and leave the country safe against the plotting and inendiarism of traitors forever after? Why not strike the monster in a vital part? Why not take the only step which will extract the greatest possible amount of good from all this evil? We rejoice in the certain indications that public opinion is rapidly tending towards this only manly, humane, sensible solution of our troubles. The eyes of the people are not dim, nor their ears deaf. They see already the distant flash, and hear the muttering thunder that is to leave our social atmosphere more clearer and purer when the storm is over. In truth, there is no rational negatio to our question—WHY NOT?

COL. BAKER'S REGIMENT.

The Federal loss in the action of Edwards's Ferry, where Senator Baker fell while gallantly leading his regiment, was much heavier than the first dispatches led us to suppose. The regiment which he commanded was made up chiefly of returned Californians residing in Philadelphia. It was nearly destroyed in the attack, being assailed by 5,000 rebels. The regiment took into action 680 men and brought back only 184. There were killed 20, wounded 125, drowned in the retreat across the river 21, taken prisoner 300—total, 496. This is a severe blow.

It is stated that Col. Baker was killed by a rebel dragoon who rode close to him and fired five shots from a revolver, each ball taking effect. The slayer was immediately brought down by Capt. Derriel, who brought off the body of his Colonel by heading a desperate charge of his company for that purpose.

MASON AND SLIDELL.

The report comes from Key West that Messrs. Mason and Slidell, the Confederate Commissioners to England and France, arrived at Cardenas, Cuba, the 16th, on the steamer Theodora, from Charleston. This is altogether more probable than the first story of their sailing under flying colors in the Nashville, and we see no reason to disbelieve it. They are now on neutral soil, and may sail to England at their leisure under the protection of a neutral flag. But what will the three fast steamers do, that were sent out to overhaul the Nashville? We more than suspect that the Nashville story, which strangely enough the Confederates were anxious we should get at the earliest moment, was a blind to throw our Government off the scent. Indeed, it seemed singular, at the time, that a vessel of the draft of the Nashville, could pick her way out of Charleston harbor so quietly; much more that she should undertake a trans-Atlantic voyage. The Confederate Commissioners are now turned loose upon the world. It remains to be seen what they will do.

Mr. Breckinridge is at Bowling Green, Kentucky, and proposes, in a card, to resign his seat in the U. S. Senate. It is altogether unnecessary.

NORTHERN REVERENCE FOR SLAVERY.

The reverence for slavery exhibited by Northern people, is their most singular trait of character. They seem to regard the system with superstitious awe, which to touch puts a man's soul in peril. An example of this feeling of veneration for the peculiar institution is related by our Cairo telegraphic correspondent, in these words:

> An expedition, consisting of three companies of the 2d Illinois Cavalry, under command of Major A. Webb, crossed on the steamer Scott, from this point, on Monday morning, for Belmont, and proceeded south to the plantation of Col. Turner, of the rebel army, expecting to meet with a force of rebels. The object of the expedition was to capture Col. Turner, and bring him to Cairo, to be confined as a prisoner of war. Col. Turner is the owner of the plantation on which was made one of the recent fights between the rebels and the Federal troops, and commanded the rebels in person. Upon the arrival of the expedition at the plantation, it was deemed proper to arrest the owners and take the mules and horses, forty in number, which were found there. The expedition returned here at seven o'clock this evening, with their prisoners.

There is little doubt but the expedition also helped themselves to whatever corn, oats and bacon, that were found on the premises. But not a "nigger" was touched. Here was a plantation well stocked with slaves"—one that would have filled the renegade Mitchell's heart with delight. The owner is a rank traitor, and his house was a rebel rendezvous. The evidence of his guilt was confirmed by numerous treasonable letters found on the premises. So guilty was this slaveholder that Major Weed had no hesitation in confiscating the horses and mules found on the plantation. He even went so far as to capture the *overseer*. But this was the nearest approach made to the divine institution. The expedition "scooped out" all the moveable property this rebel possessed, save the human chattels, which made him a rebel. The *cause* of his treason was too sacred to take away. Col. Turner never became a traitor to his country on account of mules, horses, bacon corn or oats.

The property of which he was deprived was innocent of causing his great crime. The tempter was *slavery*. He raised his patricidal hand to destroy the most beneficent Government on earth, that on its ruins a Slave Empire might be reared. He seeks to endow slaveholding with untrammelled dominion, and to place the keys of absolute power in its hands. The immense privileges his class has enjoyed, are not enough to satisfy his heart's cravings. It was not sufficient for him, that slavery was protected by the Government and supported by the North. It must be made the Autocrat of the continent. All knees must bend before it and do it homage. This rebel Turner doubtless dreams of a reopening of the African slave trade, when negroes will be imported by the cargo, and sold "cheap for cash and approved credit," and when the whole American population shall consist of the favorite Southern trinity: slaveholders, slaves and poor white trash—the latter to be employed as a police to keep the "niggers" down.

For the sake of greater present power and absolute future dominion, this man Turner committed the crime of treason, the penalty of which is confiscation and death. If Major Weed had found Turner and a force of secesh on the plantation, he would have promptly opened fire, shot the said Turner and sabered his force, and then seized and carried off all the valuable property which was portable, except the slaves, the cause of all the mischief. They would have been left behind in bondage, to tempt the heirs to continue the rebellion. It makes one's heart sick to witness the manner in which this war is conducted. Our people are putting forth such an effort as the world has never seen to save their Union and Government, and crush the slaveholder's revolt. But they waste their strength in blows aimed at *effects*, not *causes*. The end for which the war is waged, is declared to be the preservation of our Nation and Government. But the most effectual means to accomplish that desired end, are not employed. The people grow impatient at the slow progress of our army, and complain that such vast forces effect so little. And yet they will persist in shutting their eyes and ears to the reason of the failure of their mighty efforts. They allow the enemy the use of four millions of slaves. They permit the rebels to work these slaves against them—to employ them in the army, in the workshops, and in the fields. The slaves are permitted to be made the powerful auxiliaries of treason and the active allies of the rebels. Hence, our soldiers are obliged to fight the whole Southern population—black and white, bond and free. We offer no objections to the rebels employing the slaves to fight us—to help destroy the Union—but we shrink back aghast at the bare thought of our employing those slaves to fight the rebels, and help us to save the Union. And this too, notwithstanding we *know* that the slaves are loyal at heart, and are coerced into supporting the rebellion, and that they would ten thousand times rather work or fight for Uncle Sam than for Secesh. We murmur because Gen. McClellan with his army of a quarter of a million of brave men, are held at bay by the rebel forces, but we refuse to reflect that if a column of ten thousand determined men, were landed on the coast of South Carolina, and would raise the banner of emancipation—proclaiming freedom to all bondmen who would come and strike for freedom, that a panic would seize the traitors, and the rebel army on the Potomac, would melt away like snow before the sun, and leave the road open to Richmond and as much further as our army choose to advance. Every rebel would have important business demanding his immediate presence at home. The insurgents would quickly sue for peace and make their submission to the Union. Slavery might be wiped out of South Carolina, Georgia and other Cotton States, but the rebellion would be crushed, the Union saved and peace restored to the Nation. The haughty slave power would be humbled, crippled and the remainder of the system placed in process of ultimate extinction. But will any such effectual step be taken? Doubtful. Northern reverence for slavery is too ingrained and deep-seated to permit any interference with it—even as a means of putting down the rebellion. Many people would rather see the Union annihilated than be considered "Abolitionists" than to touch the divine Institution.

Gentlemen slave preservers, how long do you expect that it will take to quell this slave-holders' rebellion while you preserve the *cause* of the revolt?

CASSIUS M. CLAY.

A Washington dispatch states that Cassius M. Clay, our Minister to Russia, has intimated to the Government that in view of the vastness of the contest and threatening attitude of the rebels, he would prefer to surrender his present commission as Representative to Russia and enter the army in active defence of the Government. The Cabinet has the subject under consideration, and Kentuckians are anxious for the return of the gallant Cassius.

THE REGULARS.—The new regiments of the army, so far as organized, are being concentrated at Perryville, Md., which is at the mouth of the Susquehanna River, opposite Havre de Grace. The 11th and 14th, each about half fell, are now there.

Ohio Military Statis.

Quartermaster D. L. Wood, of Ohio, is closing up his office accounts to the 15th inst., to take a consultancy in the regular army, makes an interesting report to floor. Dennison of the operations in his department. Upon the 15th of April, the date of the President's proclamation, there was really nothing of value among the military assets of his office. Indeed, he had been going to work off the old stuff, under the Southern pressure, which, up to that time, promised more a market for our militia stores than any use for them in our own hands. Since that time the State has purchased twenty four rifled 6-pounders, 1,600 solid shot, 3,200 shell, the complete equipments for one cavalry regiment, 10,380 Enfield rifles, 420 Whitney rifles, 27,371 infantry accoutrements, cartridges by the hundred thousand, and percussion caps by the million. There have been received from the United States 23,383 muskets altered to percussion, 15,000 new muskets, 740 new French rifles, 25,000 infantry accoutrements, 8,000 Hotchkiss shot, the same number of shell, and liberal amounts of cartridges and percussion caps. The State laboratory has also turned out an immense quantity of cartridges. Twenty-seven old smooth bore cannon belonging to the State have been bunked and rifled, and over 20,000 muskets refitted and rifled. In the matter of clothing, the following are some of the figures:—26,765 pairs of blankets, 20,915 overcoats, 30,000 trowsers, 13,604 blouses, 10,000 jackets, 28,435 shoes, etc. Of camp equipage —2,884 tents, 20,000 tin plates and cups, 1,691 axes, 1,568 hatchets, etc.

Awards for clothing, for the Ohio troops, were made on the 15th as follows:—Caps and covers, 9,000, at $0.85; cavalry and artillery jackets, 30,000 trowsers, 13,604 blouses, 10,000 jackets, 28,435 shoes, etc. Of camp equipage —2,884 tents, 20,000 tin plates and cups, 1,691 axes, 1,568 hatchets, etc.

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The enumeration of Ohio regiments has gone up now to the 79th infantry. There are six or eight regiments of cavalry, but there seems to be no means to ascertain the exact number. Thus, Taylor's Cavalry, at Cincinnati, and Col. Doubleday's (Wade & Hutchins) at Cleveland, are each claiming to be the 2d Ohio cavalry. Both regiments are full and nearly ready to take the field.

Col. Dickey's Cavalry Regiment.

A correspondent, writing from Ottawa, speaks encouragingly of the progress made by Col. Dickey's Cavalry Regiment in their drill and equipment. The Chicago company have elected Lieut. Collins Captain, in place of C. C. James, promoted to Major. This is said to be one of the best companies of the regiment, though when all are so good it would be unjust to make comparisons. Major William McCulloch (brother of the rebel General) has been promoted to Lieut.-Colonel. The editor of the *Ottawa Republican*, who has visited the camp, says:

> On Monday we passed through the camp and was much pleased to see the order that reigned. We carried for an hour to see some several companies go through the various evolutions, and especially with the spirit and life, and apparent delight with which the horses seemed to enter into the exercises of the day, which I understand it as well, and enter into it with as much interest as the men. Some 300 or 400 of the exercised all the way into the city, sometimes eight abreast, and then falling back to four, and thus reaching their horses and learning the men to quickness, precision of movement and to the word of command. They were a fine set of fellows, and had horses in general worthy of their noble riders. Give them an opportunity and we shall see very much mistaken if they do not make their mark.

The Plot Against Gen. McClellan.

The plot in high circles at Washington—Military and Administrative—to supersede Gen. McClellan or seriously cripple him, lest, forsooth, he shall win the hearts of the people to the exclusion of his enviers, was the subject of a meeting in the Detroit Board of Trade, on Thursday, when the following resolutions were passed:

> *Resolved*, That this Board solemnly enters its protest against the removal of General McClellan, and demands of the Government that it shall not be the result of the rumors of the above statement, and, if false, proceed against him as a public enemy.
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> *Resolved*, That the business men of this city will view with feelings of displeasure and distrust any attempt on the part of either the Government or designing politicians to interfere with Gen. McClellan as commander of our armies on the Potomac.
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> *Resolved*, That it is the duty of every city, town and hamlet throughout the State, to protest in the strongest terms against all factionary movements of certain politicians and telegraphic or Government attacks on General McClellan.

Illinois Politics.

SIXTH DISTRICT.—HON. Murray McConnell, the Union candidate for Congress in the 6th (Springfield) district, has published an address to the voters, in which he lays down his platform as "for the war," and no party until peace is restored throughout the whole Union. He upbraids the rump of the Democracy which is now prostituting the name of the old party to serve their base purposes, and declares that although a life long Democrat, he can see no advantage to come now from an adherence to old party lines and worn out party issues. The *Register* and the clique whom it represents rather squirm under McConnell's sarcasm, and when he charges them with disloyalty to an honored party, their only response is "you're another." The Democratic Convention re-assembled at Springfield, on the 24th, and the *Register* promised that it should nominate a "true Democrat" in place of Mr. Thornton, who once declined the honor. We have not the name of the candidate, and it's not of the slightest consequence. Any man would be sunk, and ought to be, under such a platform as that adopted on the 9th instant.

J. N. MORRIS.—This gentleman, in reply to an invitation to address the Democracy of Brown county, (which he declines to do on account of ill health,) writes:

> "Nor have I any apprehension that the then and unanimous support which the Democratic leaders and makers are now giving to the Constitution and the Union, will ever be deemed evidence of infidelity to Democratic principles, or a want of loyalty to the organization and creed of the Democratic party. If we hope to regain and perpetuate the ascendency of our party, we should never forget that a man cannot be a true Democrat unless he is a loyal patriot."

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THE PACIFIC TELEGRAPH.

San Francisco Greets New York.

NEW YORK, October 25.—The following was received this evening:

SAN FRANCISCO, October 25, 1861.

To the Mayor of New York:

San Francisco to New York sends greeting, and congratulates her on the completion of the enterprise which connects the Pacific with the Atlantic. May the prosperity of both cities be increased thereby, and the projection of this important work meet with honor and reward.

[Signed] H. F. TESCHEMAKER,
Mayor of San Francisco.

ILLINOIS AND CALIFORNIA.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 25, 1861.

The following communication was received as 1 P. M. to-day from San Francisco:

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 25, 1861.

To Hon. J. D. Caton, President Illinois and Nevada Telegraph Company:

I am pleased to renew the connection after a break of nine years. Best regards to my old friends of the Illinois and Mississippi.

[Signed] JAMES GAMBLE,
Supt. Overland Tel. Co.

To which Judge Caton made answer thus:

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I return your greeting, and again join hands with you most joyfully in the name of all your old associates of the Illinois and Mississippi Telegraph Company, as well as my own. May you and the great Pacific Telegraph ever prosper.

[Signed] J. D. CATON.

Thus quietly is established the first of telegraphic connection with the Pacific coast.

Arrest of 23 Rebels on their Way to Prestonburg, Ky.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Oct. 25.—Forty-three mounted rebels armed with U. S. muskets and well supplied with revolvers and bowie-knives, were surprised and taken prisoners, yesterday noon, seven miles from Winchester, by twenty-four Home Guards under Captain Craddock and Major Buckner. The rebels were brought in, and are now at Col. Bruce's camp, near this place, and acknowledge to have been on their way to join the rebel army at Prestonburg. Four other parties are said to have had been assisting the cavalrymen to escape, were taken; also 42 horses.

THE WAR IN KENTUCKY.

Camp Wild Cat Reinforced—Zollicoffer Makes a Midnight Attack.

It seems that after being thrice repulsed by the brave garrison at Camp Wild Cat, Ky., on Monday the 21st, Gen. Zollicoffer made a midnight attack, resulting even more disastrously than the other. During the day the following reinforcements had arrived to help the gallant band of 700 commanded by Col. Garrard:—Ohio 14th, Col. Steedman, with six pieces of artillery; Ohio 17th, Col. Connell, and the Indiana 33d, Col. Coburn. The Cincinnati *Gazette* of yesterday says:

> Gen. Thomas, Acting Quartermaster of the 2d Ohio Regiment, who arrived in this city last evening from Lexington, furnished us the following, brought from Richmond, Ky., by the Mail Agent, to the Lexington postoffice:
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> RICHMOND, Ky., Oct. 24.
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> DR. L. B. TODD, P. M., Lexington:
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> Zollicoffer renewed his attack (at Wild Cat) on Monday morning, and was again repulsed with loss. Col. Garrard's breastworks by storm; but the enemy was repulsed with a loss of 400 or 500 men. Our loss was a few killed and wounded. Fighting thirty wounded. [Signed] POSTMASTER.

It will be recollected that the engagement, of which we had previous advices, took place on Monday morning. We were much disappointed in witnessing the evolutions, and especially with the spirit and life, and apparent delight with which the horses seemed to enter into the exercises of the day, which I understand it as well, and enter into it with as much interest as the men. Some 300 or 400 of the exercised all the way into the city, sometimes eight abreast, and then falling back to four, and thus reaching their horses and learning the men to quickness, precision of movement and to the word of command. They were a fine set of fellows, and had horses in general worthy of their noble riders. Give them an opportunity and we shall see very much mistaken if they do not make their mark.

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Our Repulse at Edwards's Ferry.

A Handful Against Ten Thousand.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE.

EDWARDS'S FERRY, Oct. 22, 1861.

To the Mayor of New York:

The following report of the battle at Ball's Bluff, midway between Conrad's and Edwards's Ferry, and opposite Harrison's Island, which occurred yesterday, has been gleaned from authentic sources:

On Sunday night, Colonel Devens, of the 15th Massachusetts, who had for some time guarded Harrison's Island with one company, ordered Captain Philbrick, of company H, and Quartermaster Howe, of his staff, with a detachment of twenty men, to cross the Virginia shore in the direction of Leesburg. They crossed from the island to the shore and executed the order by approaching within three-fourths of a mile of Leesburg, returning to their starting point about ten o'clock at night, discovering, as they supposed a small camp one mile or more from the river. On reporting to Colonel Devens, the latter, with about 300 men, pushed forward, by direction of Gen. Stone, in the same locality, with orders to destroy the camp at daybreak and return, and Col. Devens remained with his command concealed and sent word that no enemy was in sight. Capt. Philbrick's company taking the advanced position, while the remaining companies were concealed as a reserve, in case of an attack on the advance. When about a mile and a half from the river, and five hundred yards in advance of Col. Devens's reserve, Capt. Philbrick, accompanied by Col. Devens in person, attacked and drove back a company of Mississippi riflemen, and then fell back to the reserve, concealed in the rear, on the appearance of a body of rebel cavalry. In the skirmish Capt. Philbrick had difficulty in getting near enough to the enemy for his smooth bore guns to have much effect, whereas the other used long range rifles on our forces.

At daybreak and at the same hour that Col. Devens's command left the shore to make the reconnoissance, Col. Baker, of Massachusetts, sent over one company of his regiment, which remained on the shore to cover the return of Col. Devens. Colonel Devens made a quick forward movement and reformed during the morning by three hundred more of his regiment, under Lieut. Col. Ward. About 9 o'clock he was attacked by a considerable body of riflemen, who attempted to outflank him. Fearing they might be successful, and after rallying them for some time, Col. Devens slowly retreated in perfect order to the river, where General Baker had arrived with a battalion of the California regiment, commanded by Lieut. Col. Wistar.

Gen. Baker took command, first complimenting Col. Devens for his successful resistance to a superior force, and giving his command new life and courage. He took right of the line of battle, the center and left wing being formed of detachments of the Massachusetts 15th, under Col. Lee, and the California battalion, of five hundred in number, under Lieut.-Col. Wistar. Two mountain howitzers, commanded by Lieut. French, and one piece from New York battery, commanded by Lieut. Bramhall, were in front of the center just previous to the commencement of the action.

The attack was announced by the enemy on our right, but was soon directed more fully to the centre and left. For about two hours the battle raged terrifically, a perfect shower of leaden hale poured upon us. Three several times the left of the line made an attack, but were compelled to return as often. The right was better protected and held their position.

An order came from General Baker to throw two companies from the reinforcements to the center, which was immediately executed. This produced the impression that the battle was going against us, but caused no change in the fighting, which was kept up until dark, but remained firm. About this time the news spread that General Baker was killed. While in the act of rallying his men, he was shot with his shoulder to the wheel he was pierced by six balls. He was evidently the object of the enemy's sharp shooters.

Until dark the heaviest position of fire for a few minutes, during which Colonel Cogswell, of the Tammany regiment, arrived with two companies of his men, and took command of the troops, relieving the senior officer in the command devolved on him. In a short time it became evident to Colonel Cogswell that the day was lost, and he thought it best to cut his way through. At Edwards's Ferry, where General Gorman was in charge, throwing over reinforcements, by direction of General McClellan, and Gen. Stone was on hand at Edwards's Ferry, directing the general movement.

An order was now issued to transfer the Fifteenth Massachusetts from the right to the left, which was executed as calmly as a battalion drill.

Colonel Cogswell soon became satisfied of the impossibility of reaching Edwards's Ferry, and gave an order to fall back toward the river, which was executed as well as the circumstances would allow. The regiment fell back about twenty minutes before night-fall. Here the Fifteenth deployed as skirmishers along the river bank, and many of conveyance to the island was a large boat, capable of carrying about forty persons, which was overcrowded and swamped. The troops remaining on the shore made a desperate resistance, and it is believed that the enemy took comparatively few prisoners in consequence. Those who could swim plunged into the water, those carrying the arms who could, and others throwing them into the river to prevent them falling into the enemy's hands. Some escaped in the darkness of the darkness and the heavily wooded banks, but several are known to have been drowned in the waters of the Potomac. The behavior of our troops before the superior number of the enemy was marked as noble, brave and conducting.

Near the close of the action, and after the day was irretrievably lost, the two recently arrived companies of the Tammany regiment made a desperate charge on, but were met with a terrific fire by the enemy. It is impossible that a rebel officer was mistaken for one of our commanders, who appeared in front and gave the command.

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On reaching the island, which he did by throwing his sword and revolver into the river and swimming across, Col. Devens at once posted thirty of his men on the shore to stay the progress of the enemy in pursuit. This force was subsequently augmented, by the arrival of more of other companies from the Maryland shore, under Col. Hincks, of the 19th Massachusetts. Col. Devens received a slight contusion in the breast from a musket ball.

Among the killed are Col. BAKER, Captain Markoe, of company A, Captain Fordham, of company F, slightly.

Lieutenant Howe, of company G, slightly.

Captain Philbrick, company H, slightly.

Colonel Lee, of the Massachusetts 15th, and Colonel Cogswell, of the Tammany regiment, are probably taken prisoners.

Lieut.-Colonel Wistar of the California regiment, is supposed to be mortally wounded.

As an instance of the weight and concentration of the enemy's fire, the clothing and equipments of Quartermaster Howe of the Fifteenth Massachusetts, bore the marks of four distinct rifle shots, one ball passing through the crown of his cap, and another fastening on the plate of his belt, yet he was not injured.

Most of the wounded have been conveyed to their respective encampment hospitals.

The enemy's force was very large. Their positions were well selected, from a familiar knowledge of the country.

There is no means at present of ascertaining their loss, but it must have been immense, as our five pieces of artillery were served with accuracy and terrific effect.

It is proper to state, in connection with the foregoing, that no orders from the War or Navy Department to General Baker were to advance a brigade, including a battery, to the support of Colonel Devens, and to attack the enemy in force, was a knowledge of their inferior numbers and of his ability to defeat them, but under no circumstances to bring on a general engagement between the main forces of both sides.

Postage Stamps and Postal Service.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Oct. 21.—The price paid the former contractor for furnishing postage stamps was eighteen cents per thousand. The price paid the present contractors is fourteen, saving nearly 25 per cent.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1860, while there was no discontinuance of postal service in any part of the country, the number of postal stamps issued was two hundred and sixteen millions, which at eighteen cents per thousand, the price actually paid under the former contract—

Amounted to $38,880

While at fourteen cents per thousand, the present price, they would have cost the department 30,240

Saving $8,640

or nearly twenty five per cent. difference.

Thus by the new contract, under the new contract they save millions stamps; so many more will be required to furnish the post offices in the country, and the amount for the exchange of the old stamps, the refunded value of new stamps at the expiration of one year from the commencement of the contract, is $20 000,000.

Which at the same price cost the Department $34 000 While at the present price will cost but 42,000

Making a saving to the Department, under the present contract as compared with the old rate, of $12 000

Whether there is no change of stamps, about $20,000 000 of stamps per year are required to be issued for the whole country, at the present rate, cost the department $6,000 per year less than under the old contract, which in the six years of the new contract would result in a saving of $40,000.

FROM THE GULF.

The Affairs below New Orleans—Reports from Our Squadron—Particulars of the Attack on Billy Wilson's Zouaves.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—The steamer McClellan has arrived from Southwest Pass 18th, Fort Pickens 19th, Tortugas 16th, and Key West 19th.

The McClellan brings reliable accounts of the fight at the mouth of the Mississippi. The rebel fleet consisted of six gunboats, the ram Manassas, and a large number of fire-ships, which filled the river from shore to shore. Our squadron, comprising the Richmond, Huntsville, Water Witch, Preble and Vincennes and one ship Nightingale, were at anchor inside of the Southwest Pass. The Manassas drifted foul of the Richmond, knocking a hole in her quarter and stern, doing but little damage. To avoid the fire-ships the squadron got under way immediately and drifted down the river. The Richmond, Preble, Vincennes, and Nightingale got ashore on the bar, and while ashore, were attacked by the rebels. Only one of their shots took effect and that struck the Richmond on the quarter. They were beaten off by the Vincennes, with two guns, she having thrown the rest overboard, and the rest of her armament, with her chains, anchors, etc., to lighten her, she being much exposed to the rebel fire. Not one person was killed or wounded in the squadron. The steamers Richmond, Preble and Vincennes were towed off next day by the McClellan. The Nightingale was still ashore, but would probably get off next day.

The frigate Niagara arrived at the mouth of the Mississippi on the 14th. The sloop-of-war Dale was spoken on the 16th in the Gulf stream, cruising.

THE ATTACK ON BILLY WILSON'S ZOUAVES.

The Zouave camp was situated on Santa Rosa Island, about one mile from Fort Pickens, and was so distributed as to command all the approaches to the Fort, and also to protect the batteries.

The rebel forces, fifteen hundred strong, embarked from the Pensacola navy yard in three large steamers, and landed on the island about four miles above the camp. It was about two o'clock A. M., and very dark. They rapidly formed in three columns, and proceeded toward the Zouave camp, hoping to effect a total surprise. In this they were partially successful. The picket guard, stationed about 600 yards from the camp, discovered and fired upon them, giving the alarm, which saved the regiment from annihilation.

The attack of the rebel columns was simultaneous, and volley after volley was aimed to the volunteers. They were forced to fall back, leaving their camp in the hands of the rebels, which they commenced burning.

Col. Brown, with nine companies and three companies of regulars came to our assistance. The rebels then commenced retreating to their boats, closely followed by the Zouaves and a small number of volunteers, keeping up a destructive fire upon them, killing and wounding a large number. The rebels finally reached their boats, but the steamers were over 2000 yards from the Beach, and our men poured repeated volleys into the crowded mass. Every bullet told, and by the utmost confusion of the rebels, it was evident we had obtained ample satisfaction.

The Zouaves were badly managed, and Col. Wilson has been censured for insubordination, not reaching the scene until all was over. The officers and men lost almost everything. Major New by had a narrow escape from capture, having only time to grab his bed by dangerous lines. The regiment lost 10 killed, 16 wounded and 9 prisoners. The regulars lost four killed, twenty wounded, ten prisoners. The rebels lost "their own statement" 300 killed, wounded and missing. We took 35 prisoners, including 3 doctors, who were released.

Gen. T. W. Sherman's Expedition—Brigading the Troops.

Our correspondence, published on the second page, gives an account of the embarkation of the troops at Annapolis, for the coast expedition. The commanding officer is Gen. Thomas W. Sherman, of Rhode Island, of Sherman's battery fame. The correspondent of the Detroit *Tribune* gives the brigading of the troops as follows:

The general order of Gen. Sherman, read on dress parade last evening, (18th,) makes the arrangement of our division read as follows:

1st *Brigade*—Brigadier General Egbert L. Viele, commanding, has eight of the 3d New Hampshire, 46th, 47th and 48th New York, and 8th Maine.

2d *Brigade*—Brigadier General Isaac I. Stevens, late Governor of Oregon Territory, commanding, contains the Pennsylvania Round Heads and 50th regiment, and the 8th Michigan.

3d *Brigade*—Brigadier General Horatio G. Wright, commanding, has the 6th New Hampshire, 9th and 7th Connecticut, and 9th Maine.

IV. Hamilton's Light Battery, consisting of six field pieces.

V. Bailey's Volunteer Engineers, (now at Fortress Monroe.

VI. Rhode Island Volunteers, (at Fortress Monroe.)

VESSELS COMPOSING THE EXPEDITION.

[From the New York Commercial Advertiser.]

The formidable character of the expedition recently fitted out against points on the Southern coast, which are known only to the commanders, and will probably be learned from the sealed figures. The subjoined list of vessels have been chartered by Capt. Saxton, Quartermaster U. S. A., who is charged with the preparations to be made at this port, and have been loaded with immense quantities of quartermaster's and subsistence stores:

A powerful armament, consisting of large and small arms of every description, have also been shipped on board these vessels, with unlimited stores of ammunition. It is manifestly the design of the Government to take by surprise, and hold whatever positions are assailed against all possibility of recapture by the rebels.

The list contains such vessels only as have been chartered and loaded at this port. Several other vessels have been bought or chartered by the Government in other ports, and are loaded with similar stores.

The following are the tonnage, draft and number of decks of the vessels indicated:

The ship Great Republic will be loaded with stores, and the remaining space occupied by about five hundred horses, which she has taken on board, will materially diminish her draft, and consequently increase her speed. This vessel, with the Peerless, which is chartered to follow the expedition with cattle, is left out of the following table:

Steamers.	Tons.	Draft ft.	Decks
Ariel	1866	14	3
Atlantic	1702	20½	3
Alabama	1261	16½	3
Baltic	2703	21	3
Blenville	1300	17	3
De Soto	1642	11	3

Chicago Tribune

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1861.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE TRIBUNE.

The season is close at hand when people begin to make up clubs for the papers they intend to take during the next year. We bespeak their patronage for the Chicago TRIBUNE, claiming that it is the best newspaper for Western readers published in the Union. It brings fresher, fuller and more reliable news than any other paper. Its proprietors spare no cost to keep pace with the spirit of the age. They have paid for telegraphic dispatches and correspondence, more than twelve thousand dollars during the past year. The present circulation of the Weekly TRIBUNE is 38,500. It should be increased this fall to 50,000. Will the numerous friends of the TRIBUNE see a little effort among their neighbors to extend its circulation and influence. The TRIBUNE is the people's friend and advocate. It labors to promote their good, and they should sustain its endeavors. Twenty copies sent for $20, and a free copy is given to the person who makes up the club.

☞ It is again asserted that the order for the removal of Gen. Fremont, and giving his command to Gen. Hunter, is on the way West, and will be served at once by Gen. Curtis, the commandant at St. Louis, unless Fremont shall be in the very face of the enemy.

☞ On Friday night last four companies of Illinois infantry and one of cavalry left the camp at Paducah and went up the Cumberland river to Eddyville, Ky., escorted by the gunboat Conestoga. They landed at Eddyville at midnight, and under a forced march of thirteen miles, at daybreak surprised a force of rebel cavalry, completely routing them, killing 30, taking an equal number of prisoners, and capturing all their camp equipage.

☞ After the battle of Fredericktown, in which Jeff. Thompson was so completely routed by the Illinois boys, a number of the slain secesh found on the field were recognized as men who had been released on parole not long before. Several dead and wounded rebels were also recognized by different persons as men who had heretofore pretended to be strong for the Union. They met the fate their treachery and treason richly merited.

☞ The Californians were preparing to celebrate the opening of the telegraph, when the second dispatch from the East announced the death of Col. Baker, and turned their rejoicing into sorrow. The celebration was postponed. In this connection it is stated that Gov. Whittaker, of Oregon, who is a secession sympathizer, will appoint someone of that stripe, perhaps old Jo Lane himself, to occupy the seat in the Senate until the Legislature sits in June, 1862.

☞ Pennsylvania is bringing up her arrears quite nobly. The Governor has announced that, including independent regiments who are now numbered as State troops, Pennsylvania has 50,000 men in the field, with 20,000 under arms at home, and he gave the promise, some days since, of a full 100,000 before winter sets in. We see by the telegraph that eight regiments are now under orders for the seat of war. The quota of Pennsylvania is 74,530. Let the old Keystone State have the credit that is her due.

THE NEW BANK LAW.

During the week past the subject of the new "Bank Law on a Specie Basis," (which is in reality a Bank Law on a Basis of Moonshine, has) engrossed the very general attention of the community. The Board of Trade and the Mercantile Association have held meetings to consider it, and have both adopted resolutions condemning it in the strongest terms. Our readers are aware that the form of voting next Tuesday will be "For the Banking Law on a Specie Basis" or "Against the Banking law on a Specie Basis." Let every man who does not want the State cursed with a new brood of wild cats vote "*Against the Banking Law on a Specie Basis.*"

KENTUCKY.

A letter of unusual interest will be found on another page of this paper from our Kentucky correspondent. The retreat of Gen. Zollicoffer from Camp Wild Cat to Cumberland Ford was a prolonged and terrible slaughter of the rebels from the rifles of the Union men of the country through which he passed, who fired upon them from every stone heap and clump of bushes on the roadside. Over a thousand of the log-eared invaders bit the dust before the army reached Cumberland Ford. The affair occurred on the same day as the battle of Ball's Bluff, (or Leesburg Heights,) and may be said to compensate in some measure for that lamentable affair.

THE YATES PHALANX.

We learn that the 39th Illinois regiment, Col. Austin Light, which has been at St. Louis, is now on its way east, under orders to guard the Potomac at Williamsport, near Harper's Ferry. The regiment left St. Louis, yesterday noon, via Terre Haute and Indianapolis. It was first expected the regiment would come this way, and under this impression several of the officers took the morning train to Chicago. They received a dispatch at Bloomington, announcing the new route chosen, and will go on this (Wednesday) evening, joining the regiment at Pittsburgh. These gentlemen are Dr. Blake, surgeon; Dr. Clark, assistant surgeon; Rev. Mr. Macreading, chaplain, and Ward Hill Lamon, who is accompanying them. The regiment leave their old muskets at St. Louis, and will be newly armed, with the Springfield rifle, at Pittsburgh.

The rebel forces having retreated from Missouri and left the State in the hands of the loyalists, a large portion of our army now in that State may be safely withdrawn from Missouri and sent into Kentucky and Virginia. We presume quite a number of Illinois regiments will be sent to Washington, to operate against the rebels from that point.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

That a horrible blunder was committed at Harrison's Island, near Leesburg, and that we suffered a reverse quite as disastrous in the number of lives lost as at Bull Run, seems now to be gloomily conceded. The only gratifying circumstance connected with the affair, is that our soldiers fought with the coolness and bravery of veterans. From the gallant Colonel Baker, whose life was thrown away in a charge of desperate valor, down to the drummer boy, not a coward was found in the slaughter pen. It is related that even a poor negro, "owing service and labor" to a captain in the rebel army, braved the storm of bullets in a heroic effort to save the lives of our men, and that he carried no less than a hundred soldiers safely back to the Maryland side of the river in a small skiff which he had somewhere picked up.

Now who is responsible for this fresh and fatal disaster? In whose brain was conceived the idea of crossing a river in a couple of old scows, propelled by setting poles, in the face of an enemy of unknown strength? Assuredly some one is grievously to blame, and unless the guilty party is distinctly pointed out, the people will hold the Government, or the commanding General, or both, responsible for the seven hundred lives offered up a sacrifice in military incapacity. The Washington correspondent of the New York *Sunday Post* throws some light upon it, which coincides with our own information, as follows:

> "It has been post authority, that General McClellan wrote that the Leesburg crossing must be made without any reconnoissance whatever, and that General Scott ordered it, or, these words to that effect. General McClellan's private secret further that he will insist if such movements are to be made without his authority, while he is at least nominally commander."

The country had supposed that the interference allowed to Gen. Scott, in the military concerns of the Department of the Potomac, was now-a-days merely nominal, and that he held the position of General-in-chief simply by courtesy, without assuming to direct movements for which he is incapacitated by old age and confirmed gout. It is an infirmity peculiar to some men who have passed the Psalmist's limit of human life, to believe that they are exactly in their prime, and to vindicate such belief by sudden displays of animation. If Gen. Scott directed the crossing of the Potomac at Leesburg, it is easily accounted for in this way. If he did not direct it, it is accountable only on the hypothesis of insanity somewhere else.

THE SECRETARY OF WAR'S INSTRUCTIONS TO GEN. SHERMAN.

The full instructions of the War Department to Gen. Sherman, commander of the great naval expedition, in regard to his dealings with the slaves, will be found in to-day's TRIBUNE. Yesterday we published a synopsis. Those instructions cover the whole ground of General Fremont's famous proclamation, and go considerably further; they are more practical, and strike home closer at the cause of the rebellion. The slaves will not only be made free, but they will be engaged to help the army crush the rebellion. In whatever way they can do most service they are to be employed, whether that be in throwing up entrenchments, or shouldering muskets for the Union.

The doctrine of Fremont's proclamation gave almost universal satisfaction to the loyal masses. The instructions of Secretary Cameron are destined to receive an equally hearty popular endorsement. The country has in them evidence that the Government are really in earnest, and have resolved to employ all legitimate means within their reach to crush the rebellion. The policy of the Administration and the sentiments of the people are now in concord and harmony.

If the President modified the proclamation, for special reasons, he is all right now; "Old Abe" is himself again, and the people will have no further cause for complaint. We have heard it suggested that one reason for modifying the proclamation was because he feared it was in advance of public sentiment, and that the country would not sustain it—that his letter to Fremont was intended as a *feeler*, and that since he has become satisfied that the people are rife for the confiscation policy, he has given orders that it shall be put in force on a large scale by the naval expedition which will land somewhere on the rebel coast—perhaps in South Carolina. There is an air of probability about this hypothesis; but, without accepting or rejecting it, the main thing is true, that the President and Cabinet have determined to confiscate the slaves of rebels as a war measure, and to receive the services of all loyal men, whether bond or free, to help crush this rebellion and save our armies. The people will shout Amen!

THE NAVAL EXPEDITION.

We are left in some doubt whether the great naval expedition has indeed sailed from its rendezvous at Hampton Roads. The vessels arrived there a week since, from Annapolis, and having but fifteen days' rations—without breaking cargoes—it was presumed of course that they would be out to sea before this. The New York *Herald* of Monday makes editorial mention of the sailing of the fleet, one hundred vessels in all, on Saturday, and that the scene was described as "most magnificent;" which, if the expedition really sailed, would be true enough. But there is no confirmation of the departure, and, indeed, a new trouble seems to have arisen which may delay it for some days. It is reported that the Private Secretary of Commodore Dupont, whose name is put down in the register as "McKinley," has deserted to the rebels, taking the maps, charts, and even the sealed orders of his superior officer! This report comes to the New York *Tribune* from its correspondent on board the fleet (Mr. Mortimer Thompson,) and is confirmed by a private business letter which the *Commercial Advertiser* of last evening is permitted to publish. The *Evening Post* thinks the report may have arisen from the crazy pranks of a master's mate on one of the ships; and the Navy Department, as might be expected, knows nothing about it whatever.

Now it would be just "our luck" if the report should be indeed true. The history of this magnificent expedition has been from the first unfortunate, and attended by publicity and delays that, in case of any failure of it to accomplish its purposes, may with some show of reason be charged with the blame. The rebels have been on the tenter hooks of anxiety for weeks. They have an immense coast line, all unprotected, and not knowing where the expected blow would fall, they have not been able to prepare for it. Nothing is more reasonable (if not possible) than that they should seek, through their influential allies in the North, to smuggle a spy on board who should at the proper moment give them the coveted information. Commodore Dupont is a resident of Delaware, and we should be slow to suspect him merely for his citizenship in a slave State. Who McKinley is, none of the biographers of the expedition have yet stated. If he be the traitor we shall know all about him before long.

INFORMATION WANTED.

The following card was published in the *Journal* of last evening:

> We, the undersigned members of the Democratic County Committee of Cook County, united in the call for a Union Convention, to support the Administration of Mr. Lincoln in the prosecution of the war on the basis of the Crittenden resolutions, which had been passed by overwhelming majority by Congress, and approved by the President.
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> Inasmuch as the Union Convention, after nominating one or more persons notorious for ultra-abolitionism, adjourned without passing any resolutions in harmony with the call, but whatever resolutions were passed, if any, were of the opposite character, and one of the series reported might have been adopted, letter of extreme revolutionary tendency, and calculated to embarrass the Government in the prosecution of the war, we feel it due to ourselves and our political friends, to declare, that we do not consider ourselves, or any conservative Administration man, or Democrat, bound to promote the election of any of the nominees of that Convention, until they have publicly disavowed the last of the three resolutions reported in the Chicago TRIBUNE, as adopted, and have pledged their support to the propositions contained in the Crittenden resolutions. We would respectfully invite their gentlemen to define their positions upon the subjects referred to.
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> S. S. HAYES, Chairman.
> PHILIP CONERY,
> WALTER B. SCATES,
> ANDREW SCHALL,
> THOMAS LOKEMAN,
> JOHN B. TURNER.

Chicago, Oct. 29th, 1861.

Mr. Hayes and his fellow signers of the above card admit by a fair implication that the Evans resolutions were adopted by the Convention. Else why should they make them the subject of a grave communication to the public. Such being the case, it is presumed that the candidates all stand on the platform, thereby endorsing and supporting the Government in its recent order to Gen. Sherman, the commander of the great naval expedition. The proposition of Mr. Hayes and his associates is that the candidates shall repudiate their platform and assert their disloyalty to the Government and cause which they claim to support, and under which they are seeking to obtain office! We do not expect them to do any such thing, but if any of them are so unwise and dishonest, the people would be glad to know their names before Tuesday next. The resolution particularly complained of by Mr. Hayes and his friends is as follows:

> *Resolved*, That we call upon the Administration to use every legitimate means of warfare to suppress the rebellion, including the confiscation of the property of the rebels, and even to the liberation of their slaves.

If any candidate before the people of Cook county desires to have the particulars of Jeff. Davis's army treated more leniently than this, the fact cannot be known too soon.

A LARK COMING TO BE PUT TO SERVICE.—The revenue cutter A. D. Brown, which has been lying idle at Milwaukee during the past summer, is to be taken to the Atlantic coast, and put into service. Capt. Douglas Ottinger is in command.

POST NOTES.

What are post notes? Bouvier defines them as "bank notes payable at a distant period and not on demand." No bank in the United States, that we are aware of, is permitted to issue post notes. They are never seen in commercial transactions. The issue of such notes is prohibited in several of the State constitutions, and ought to be prohibited in all. But the bill for "a general system of banking upon a specie basis in the State of Illinois" *specially authorizes the issue of post notes.* The fifth section of the bill, defining the rights and franchises of the bank, says it shall have power "to draw, issue and put into circulation bills, notes, *post notes*, "bills of exchange and other evidences of "debt, payable to order or bearer, and not "otherwise; and all such notes and bills "put into circulation as money, *except post "notes and bills of exchange*, shall be "made payable on demand."

This grant of power, so unusual and so dangerous in a banking system, bears the imprint of fraud. The mixing of paper promises, falsely called paper *money*, with the circulating medium of the country, is always hazardous and often fatal. It is only tolerable when the bank issues are redeemable in specie *on demand* at par. A further tampering with the currency, by putting in circulation quantities of notes payable at a distant period, six months or twelve months or eighteen months from date, would be in the highest degree pernicious. Why was this extraordinary power granted to the "Bank on a Specie Basis"? There can be but one answer, and that is that it was given to enable the bank to keep a large debt bowling six months or a year ahead without interest, at the expense and to the detriment of the public. If we presume that the scheme is a perfectly honest one it is an endeavor to get something out of nothing—it is a plan for "shinning" on a gigantic scale, fraught with incalculable danger to the public. If any profit is derived by the bank from the issue of post notes the profit must come out of the shell holder, and if the issue of post notes is more profitable to the bank than the issue of demand notes, the post notes will be very plenty and the demand notes very scarce. And this scheme is impudently called "a general system of banking on a *specie basis*"!

We might discuss this post note business at greater length, but our readers cannot fail to see that it is wrong in principle, attempting still further to degrade and depreciate the circulating medium, and promising nought but disaster to the community which tolerates it.

LIGHT IN THE EAST.

A telegraphic dispatch from Washington stated that Secretary Seward had given it as his opinion to one of the European Ministers that the rebellion would be put down in *ninety* days.

We have been puzzled to conceive the grounds on which the astute Secretary predicated his prediction, and have been inclined to ascribe it to a sanguine temperament. But since the publication of Secretary Cameron's instruction to Gen. Sherman, we can see solid grounds for the opinion Mr. Seward gave. If the war is to be conducted on the principles laid down in the instructions, the rebels will very soon be whipped out. Heretofore they have been allowed to use four millions of slaves against the Union. The Government has refused to permit any but white men to fight the secessionists; but now all men are called upon to come up to the help of the Union against the rebels. A man's complexion is not to be made a test of his right to carry a musket in defense of the Union. All loyal men are called on to assist in quelling the atrocious revolt against the great Republic. Gen. Sherman is directed when he lands his army on the Southern coast, to "avail himself of the "services of all persons whether or not "fugitives from labor, who may offer to "serve the National Government, and to "employ them in such capacity as they "may seem to be best suited for, and to "organize them into squads, companies "or otherwise"—the otherwise meaning into regiments and brigades.

This the Secretary says is not to be a *general arming* of them for military service, but it is a special arming, and may include 50,000 or 500,000 as the service may require. It will embrace all the slaves if it needs that many to help the Government crush out the rebellion. The rebels must submit, or every slave will be employed against them. It is for them to say how general the arming shall be. The Government is getting in downright earnest. We now begin to see day-light, where heretofore has been darkness. The twilight of morning begins to appear, and a speedy and effectual termination of this bloody and costly struggle may be expected, if the principles laid down in the instructions be energetically applied to the rebellion.

We hesitate not to say that this order to Gen. Sherman is better than a great victory on the field. It will revive the courage of loyal and Christian men by giving promise of *an end to be attained*—an enduring victory, a speedy and permanent peace, and a glorious future of freedom to all men. The clouds are rent, and the sun of universal liberty is shining through. Henceforth the summons is issued to every loyal man, bond or free, white or black, gray or copper-colored, to every man having brains, sinews, or muscles, to join hands in putting down the traitor oligarchy. It is declared that henceforth the four millions of loyal blacks shall not be lashed into alliance with the enemies of the Union; they shall be employed on the Lord's side to crush the rebellion, to achieve their own liberty and to open before us a future of unbroken prosperity and peace. In the name of the people who are giving their sons, their treasure, their very life blood to the war for the Union, we thank our rulers for this wise and righteous action.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

Slowly but surely the Federal soldiers are pushing back the secessionists. The progress of a day seems small but that of a month is considerable. Occasionally our arms meet reverses, but the grand movement forward is not stopped. The State of Missouri is nearly cleared of rebels. Jeff. Thompson has been defeated and his forces cut to pieces in the Southeast. Price at last accounts, was crossing the Southwestern boundary into Arkansas, with his army, not daring to give battle. The roving bands of guerrillas prowling about the country, will be hunted down and destroyed. The war may be considered over in Missouri for this campaign, and the State remains in full and complete possession of the Federal Government. Federal troops are pouring into Kentucky in a steady stream, and are marched into the interior in quest of the rebels. There can not be less than 40,000 National troops in that State, and in a fortnight there will be not far from 60,000. Several Illinois regiments will shortly be detached from Missouri where they are no longer needed, and sent into Kentucky. Indiana and Ohio have a dozen regiments ready to march thither, and half a dozen of our new regiments may also be sent there. But the secessionists are giving away before the troops already in the State, and falling back towards Tennessee. In a very short time they will be completely driven out of Kentucky. Suppose the campaign in the West were to close with these achievements and no further conquests be made in the East, people would feel very dissatisfied with the seasons operations, and yet very considerable headway has been made. Our arms have wrested from the grasp of the secessionists the following territory and population since the war broke out:

	Sqr. miles.	Population.
Maryland	11,124	687,034
Delaware	2,120	112,218
Western Virginia	50,000	350,000
Kentucky	37,680	1,155,713
Missouri	64,000	1,182,317
	124,924	3,487,282

Now here is a territory larger than Great Britain and Ireland, with a population of three and a half millions, saved to the Union for all time to come. Equal progress next campaign would give us the remainder of Virginia, and reclaim North Carolina, Tennessee and Arkansas—leaving the tier of Cotton States to be conquered during the third campaign.

But we have no idea that the present campaign is over. What is to hinder Fremont's army from entering Arkansas this fall and subjugating the rebels of that State during the coming winter. Once Fort Smith falls into our hands, the road is open into Western Texas, where thousands of loyal people are impatient for the day which will bring our columns into their midst, and spread the flag of the Union over them once more. What is there to prevent General Sherman from entering Tennessee? Kentucky is nearly cleared of rebels, and Sherman's army is daily increasing in strength. East Tennessee is Union to the core, and will welcome the arrival of his soldiers, and furnish assistance in expelling the rebel forces from the whole State.

Without counting on the achievements of the Great Naval Expedition, it is fully within the reach of our Western troops, if they are properly led, to drive the rebels out of Tennessee, Arkansas and Western Texas before spring.

The success of the Armada will depend very much on the faithfulness and vigor with which the Commanding General carries out the instructions of the Secretary of War. If he avails himself of the assistance which the colored people can render him, he will be able to drive the rebels ahead of him wherever he marches, and deal blows to secession from which it can never recover. Looking the ground all over, considering what has been accomplished and what may be, from the means provided, the country has no right to feel despondent or even to complain much of the progress made up to this time. There is one consolation, that though it will take more effort, require more troops, and cost more loss of life, than was at first supposed, yet it is now demonstrated that the loyal people can subjugate the rebels, and will do it at all hazards and sacrifices. The resolution, spirit and earnestness of the people have steadily strengthened with the continuance of the war. Their patriotism has grown more fervid, and their purpose more fixed and immovable.

THE WAR POWER.

We have maintained in these columns that the existence of war places in the hands of the Executive and the military commanders full and ample authority to hew down all obstacles which stand in the way of the Union cause, and that the armies being raised and put in motion, the right must necessarily exist to strike blows which *will accomplish* the object sought to be attained, rather than those which will not accomplish it. We have shown that the most eminent statesmen of our country, including Thomas Jefferson, the father of the Democratic party, and John Quincy Adams, the most prominent of the old Whig leaders, so declared in their public letters and speeches. We have shown that it is a cardinal principle in the law of nations, affirmed by all writers and acted upon by all governments under circumstances like ours, that the slaves of an enemy or a friend may be rightfully emancipated by a belligerent. We have cited the example of Gen. Jackson who gave liberty to a number of slaves at New Orleans—Congress approving the act and acknowledging the rightfulness of the principle by refusing to pay a stiver to the owners. It is a matter of history that the Romans after the battle of Cannæ emancipated large numbers of slaves and took them into the army of the Republic, without compensating the owners; indeed it became a custom, frequently adopted in times of public danger, to resort to this expedient. Mr. Sumner has cited for us the instance of Marius who once raised an army of slaves and marched with them triumphantly into Rome, whence he had been expelled by the power of the aristocracy.

It makes little difference to the people whether this war power is constitutional or extra-constitutional—whether martial law is in accordance with the constitution or above the constitution. The object to be attained being a tremendous necessity, involving the very existence of the nation, we care not where the authority is found. But in point of fact *the power exists in the constitution itself.* The power to declare war, to raise and support armies, to call forth the militia, to suppress insurrections and repel invasions, is distinctly written in the constitution. What is implied in the power to declare war and to raise and support armies? Assuredly the power to do anything which war may do or armies may do—the power to kill, burn, destroy, and crush the enemy by every means known to warfare or capable of being employed against the enemy. What is implied by the power to call forth the militia for suppressing insurrection? Clearly the power to apply the utmost force of destructive agencies if needed to put down its insurgents. Will it be held that, after the war is declared, the army raised, the militia called out by the competent authority, the Executive or the military commander must have a special permit to kill an adversary, or bombard a town, or destroy a fleet, or blow up a hostile fortress, *or liberate the slave of an enemy?* Unless the constitution itself is a mockery, and the government a thing to be toppled over by the first breeze raised against it, the power to do all these things is as fully granted as the power to arm a soldier or set a squadron in the field. If the power is granted to declare war, the power is equally granted to carry on war as wars are carried on among the nations of the earth. If the power exists to put half a million of men and muskets in motion, the power equally exists to shoot the enemy, to burn his towns, to seize his property on land and sea, and to emancipate his slaves. It is impossible to conceive of any different interpretation of the constitution.

It only remains to be shown that the power to emancipate the slaves of an enemy or an insurgent in time of war, is as clearly granted as the power to take his life, his liberty, or his property. Are there any guarantees of slavery in the Constitution half so distinct and explicit as the guarantee of personal security? Does the Constitution anywhere say that a man may be killed, or imprisoned, or deprived of his goods, but that his slaves must never be molested? The rebels themselves do not believe this; no man believes it. The war power is in the Constitution. No government could be sure of existence an hour without possessing that power. No Constitution would be worth the parchment on which it is written without granting that power. No nation ever existed without claiming and exercising that power, to humble or crush their adversaries by force of arms. What new light is this which has made a distinction, a sacred distinction, between spilling human blood and giving freedom to the enslaved, whereby the latter is made more heinous than the former. The Constitution of the United States never said so. No one who loves the Union better than slavery ever thought so.

A NEW DEPOT FOR PRISONERS.

We learn from Washington that Johnson's Island, near Sandusky, Ohio, has been selected as a place for keeping rebel prisoners, and is admirably situated for such purpose, being secure, easily guarded, and healthy. About a thousand are to be removed there, as soon as buildings can be prepared, the cost of which is not to exceed $35,000.

INMENSE RECEIPTS OF GRAIN.—The receipts of grain in this city, reducing flour to grain, from Jan. 19th, 1861, up to this present writing, foot up the unprecedented amount of 67,778,977 bushels, or an average of 1,111,130 bushels per week, though since the amount received is 16.7, and fifty per cent. larger than the same time in 1860.

FAIR PLAY.

A combined onslaught seems to be made by certain parties on Mr. Farwell, the present County Clerk, for the crime of having renominated by the late Union County Convention—some people crying "Court House Clique" at him, and others bawling "Liberty and Economy" and other demagogue appeals, as though Mr. F. were a corrupt vagabond, a tyrant and a peculator of the public funds. We certainly are not interested in Mr. Farwell's reelection. We have never derived any profit from his holding the office of County Clerk, and we shall derive none though he hold it till doomsday. But we insist upon fair play in his case, as in that of every other candidate for public favor. Is Mr. Farwell honest, is he competent, is he accommodating, does he discharge his duties faithfully? These are the questions to be asked and answered. The senseless clamor about "Court House Clique" is sufficiently answered by the fact that nine-tenths of those who are vociferating it against Mr. Farwell are greatly indignant that Judge John M. Wilson was not renominated—he having held a county office as long as Mr. Farwell and being therefore a member of the "clique." We frankly say that we think Judge Wilson ought to have been renominated, and that he ought to be re-elected, on account of his eminent qualifications as a jurist, his tried ability and his proved integrity. To be a member of the "Court House clique" is simply to hold an office in the Court House, and if Mr. Maher is elected County Treasurer this fall he will be just as much a member of that dark and bloody minded cabal, for the next two years, as ever Mr. Farwell, or Judge Wilson, or Mr. Boyden, or Mr. Wentworth were. He will be *inside* of the Court House, and we, Tom, Dick and Harry, will be *outside*. That is what is meant by belonging to the "Court House clique."

But, says some one, Farwell has held the office, four, six or eight years. Very well; if anybody chooses to vote against him on that account, let the reason be frankly avowed. He *has* done the duties of county clerk well. He *has* been accommodating. He *has* saved money for the county and State by preventing accidents and mistakes in his office. He *has* borne a good character in all the relations of life. But he has held the office two terms, and therefore should be defeated. If people wish to vote against him for this reason, ours is a perfectly free country and anybody can do so who chooses. But let it not be alleged that Mr. Farwell is a designing rogue and a public enemy, when it is perfectly manifest that he is no such thing. Let us have perfectly fair play. It is not a disgraceful or reprehensible thing to run for public office, if we may judge from the numbers who came before the recent convention, and it cannot be shown that it was any more disgraceful or reprehensible for Mr. Farwell than for any of his competitors.

As we have remarked, we have no interest, and can have none, in Mr. Farwell's reelection. Quite likely there will be other candidates, before election day comes around, just as worthy of public confidence as Mr. Farwell. Let them all be judged by their merits as men, and not by clap trap and demagogue appeals.

CHICAGO PRODUCE TRADE.

The receipts and shipments of flour, grain, live stock, &c., during the past week were as follows:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	43,475	25,444
Wheat, bus	561,450	563,000
Corn, bus	780,029	952,912
Oats, bus	20,740	2,100
Rye, bus	24,420	1,200
Barley, bus	21,005	1,500
Mixed, bus	156,000	727,971
Pork, bbls		4,617
Cut Meats, lbs		102,959
Lard, lbs	1,292	76,900
Tallow, lbs	368	256,539
Live Hogs, no	1,782	9,459
Dressed Hogs, no	2	
Beef Cattle, no	2,705	4,144

The following table shows the receipts of leading articles since the 1st of January to date for three years:

	1861.	1860.	1859.
Flour, brls	1,121,118	698,759	548,699
Wheat, bus	15,984,566	12,838,943	6,945,366
Corn, bus	34,974,036	14,940,720	4,943,267
Oats, bus	1,216,924	1,060,081	1,150,921
Rye, bus	363,221	259,077	197,657
Barley, bus	1,265,615	1,020,451	449,721
Seed, lbs	6,160,125	5,152,636	4,397,946
Pork, brls	21,297	13,792	21,326
Cut Meats, lbs	4,268,045	6,197,313	5,144,021
Lard, lbs	6,301,047	8,980,300	3,095,943
Tallow, lbs	940,376	1,040,000	940,376
Live Hogs, no	218,861	149,770	83,061
Dressed Hogs, no	144,134	47,943	20,673
Beef Cattle, no	116,619	113,709	76,619

Reducing flour to wheat, the total amount of grain received in this city since the 1st of January to date for three years, compares as follows:

	Bushels.
1861	41,729,977
1860	27,344,959
1859	15,233,132

Thus it will be seen that the receipts thus far this year are fully three times heavier than those of 1859, and more than 50 per cent larger than those of 1860. Since the 1st of January, the supply averages 1,111,138 bushels per week. But for the want of storage accommodations and the exorbitantly high rates of freight, our receipts would have been at least eight millions more than the above figures show.

The following table shows the estimated amount of flour and grain in store in this city on the 28th inst., compared with the estimates of the three previous weeks:

	Oct. 28.	Oct. 21.	Oct. 14.	Oct. 7.
Flour, bbls	13,492	12,570	8,729	9,900
Wheat, bus	1,190,999	1,198,699	998,849	980,000
Corn, bus	1,880,414	1,505,414	1,402,414	1,301,000
Oats, bus	195,000	209,172	207,880	209,999

The markets show an advance on the week ending yesterday of 5c10c per brl on Flour, and 9c per bushel on Wheat. Corn, however, has declined fully 4c per bushel, and Oats 10@1c per bushel. Freights have declined 3c@c per bushel on grain to Buffalo.

The Pacific Telegraph.

Since Friday, when the Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph was opened, the President has received a number of dispatches over that line. These embrace, first, the announcement from the President of the Overland Telegraph Company that the line is completed, and expressing the hope that it may be a bond of perpetuity between the States of the Atlantic and those of the Pacific.

Governor Downey of California expresses, in the name of the people of that State, their congratulations at the completion of the noble enterprise that places them in immediate connection with the Capital, and with their fellow citizens in the East. May the golden links of the Constitution ever unite us a happy and free people.

The President and Secretary of the California Pioneers, the oldest organization on the Pacific coast, send greetings to the President of the United States. As a Society loyal, and as a State loyal, they pray God to save one and indivisible our glorious Union.

Leland Stanford sends from Sacramento the following:

> To-day California is but a second's distance from the National Capital. Her every function with electric current throbs responsive to that of her sister States, and holds civil liberty and union as one and yours.

The grand division of the Sons of Temperance send the following:

> *To the President of the United States:*
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> Greeting, liberty, union, temperance, one and inseparable forever. By order,
>
> JOHN WADE, P. G. W. P.

The Mayor of Stockton transmits as follows:

> Stockton sends greeting to your Excellency, with the assurance that she is true to the Constitution and the Union, and for the thorough crushing out of rebellion.

Gov. Nye, in behalf of the Territory of Nevada, dated Carson City, says:

> Mountain-bound Nevada avails herself of the earliest opportunity to send upon the wings of lightning to her national home assurances of her filial attachment to the Union as framed by our fathers, and her strong sympathies with those who are striving to maintain it.

The following is dated at the Capitol in Carson City, Nevada Territory, through her first Legislative Assembly:

> *To the President and People of the United States, Greeting:*
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> Nevada for the Union—over true and loyal. The brethren of the nation will be the last to desert the flag. Our aid to the extent of our ability can be relied upon to crush rebellion.
>
> J. L. VAN BOKKELEN, President.

CAPTURED REBELS IMPRISONED IN OHIO.—On Saturday there were 250 prisoners, who had been captured in Western Virginia and Kentucky, in the military prison at Columbus, Ohio; and on the same day a company of 47 more arrived at Cincinnati, on their way to Columbus, having been captured by the U. S troops near Winchester, Ky., on Thursday—bushers per week, those times the amount received is 16.7, and fifty per cent. larger than the same time in 1860.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30, 1861.

The English brig Ariel, from Liverpool, was captured by the Genesee, while attempting to run into Wilmington, N. C., on the 20th. Her cargo consisted of 1,500 barrels of powder.

Everest Sergeant Brennan, of the Second Infantry, stationed at Georgetown, was shot dead this morning by private Lenahan, during guard mounting. The Sergeant reprimanded Brennan for not being in his place, and finally pushed him into it. Lenahan raised his musket and killed him instantly.

Gen. Lander's wound, received at Ball's Bluff, will probably confine him to the house for some weeks. The bullet drove a boot-strap deep into the calf of his leg.

An officer of the rebel vessel George Page now cooped up between our vessels off Quantico Creek, had the impudence to examine the papers of a schooner from Charles county to Alexandria, but did not venture to seize her.

The business of the Patent Office has been gradually improving of late. Seventy patents were issued this week.

Three prisoners taken at Ball's Bluff were brought here to-day. One of them, J. Owens Berry, was late of Georgetown, and a Government employee in the Patent Office.

Several Alexandrians received letters to-day from friends in Virginia, dated Oct. 23d. The rebel mails are still in operation.

Rev. John Pierpont, late Chaplain of the Twenty-second Massachusetts regiment, has accepted an appointment in the Treasury Department.

The story that Commodore Dupont's confidential Secretary had absconded is discredited at the Navy Department. If true, no good can result to the rebels, since his orders were oral, and much is left to his discretion. No one but Commodore Dupont, on the expedition, knows its destination.

WASHINGTON, October 26, 1861.

Gen. McClellan has issued the following order, dated—

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, WASHINGTON, October 28th, 1861.—The Major General commanding the army of the Potomac desires to offer his thanks, and to express his admiration of their conduct, to the officers and men of the detachments of the 13th and 20th Massachusetts, 1st California and Hamnaway regiments, the 1st U. S. artillery, and Rhode Island battery engaged in the affair of Monday last, near Harrison Island. The gallantry and discipline there displayed deserved a more fortunate result; but situated as those troops were, cut off alike from support and reinforcements, and attacked by an overwhelming force—five thousand against one thousand seven hundred—it was not possible that the issue could have been successful. Under happier auspices such devotion will insure victory.

The General commanding feels increased confidence in Gen. Stone's division, and is sure that when they next meet the enemy, they will fully retrieve this check, for which they are not accountable.

Gen. Scott will retire from active military duties in consequence of physical infirmity, within ten days, under the law of the last Congress, which allows him to do, so and which also continues his full pay, allowances and subsistence.

The order suspending Gen. Fremont by Gen. Hunter went West on Saturday, accompanied by instructions to the latter. Gen. Prentiss, at St. Louis, is to deliver it unless Fremont is in the actual presence of an enemy.

Senators Wade, Trumbull, Dixon and Chandler, are here, urging that a battle be fought and the rebels whipped as near Bull Run as possible, and before the time for going into winter quarters.

Advices from all parts of Europe are thoroughly encouraging. A letter has been received from Garibaldi, saying that we shall put down the rebellion, and therefore he need not come over to help us, but that if we do not do so easily, he will come.

WASHINGTON, October 27, 1861.

The following are Gen. Stone's orders to Col. Baker, which were found in his hat after the corpse was taken from the field. The second order was delivered after the battle commenced, by Col. Milton Cogswell of the Tammany Regiment. Baker put it in his hat, without reading it, Col. Cogswell saying "go ahead, Colonel." An hour afterward he fell. Both copies are saturated with blood, and the upper right hand corner of the paper, with one word, was carried away by a bullet.

FIRST ORDER.

HEADQUARTERS CAMP OF EDWARDS FERRY, Oct. 21, 1861.

Col. E. D. Baker, Commander of Brigade:

COLONEL:—In case of heavy firing in front of Harrison's Island, you will advance the California Regiment of your Brigade, or retire the regiments under Colonels Lee and Devens, now on the Virginia side of the river, at your discretion, assuming command on arrival.

Very respectfully, Colonel,

Your most obedient servant,

[Signed] CHAS. P. STONE.

Brig. Gen. Commanding.

SECOND ORDER.

HARRISON'S ISLAND, Oct. 21st, 1861.

Col. E. D. Baker, Commanding Brigade:

COLONEL:—I am informed that the force of the enemy is about four companies in all told. If you can push them you may do so, as far as to have a strong position near Leesburg. If you can keep them before you, avoiding their batteries. If they pass through Leesburg, take the Gum Springs Road. You will not follow far, but seize the first good position to cover that road. Report to me, and be ready to draw us on, if they are obliged to retreat, as far as Goose Creek, where they can be reinforced from Manassas, and have a strong position. Report frequently, so that when they are pushed Gorman can come up on their flank.

Yours, respectfully and truly,

CHAS. P. STONE,

Brigadier General, Commanding.

The following order was received by Col. Baker, at two o'clock P. M. of Monday, on Harrison Island, and opened by his permission by Quartermaster Howe, acting Adjutant, who took a copy:—

Col. Baker, &c.—

SIR:—As soon as you get your column in position, make a dash at Leesburg, and shoot down every lawless depredator who may leave the ranks. Gen. Gorman is moving upon the line. I shall take no night. I expect to be in Leesburg to-night.

[Signed] STONE.

This last shows what implicit reliance was placed in the reconnoisance of Sunday night.

Our troops now occupy Vienna, and four pickets extend within a short distance of Fairfax C. H., and a mile beyond Annandale. Our scouts have been completely around Fairfax, seeing no signs of the enemy, who is

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1861.

GRAND DISTRIBUTION AND RAFFLE OF STOCKS.

Meeting of the Board of Trade.

A meeting of the Board of Trade was held last evening in the rooms of the Board, pursuant to the following call, signed by a large number of the prominent members:

"In view of the evils attending the present system of Grain Inspection, the undersigned, members of the Board of Trade, would request that the President of the Board it call a meeting at an early date, to consider the propriety of changing such system, and also to take such steps for action as may be deemed necessary in view of the recent petition of Warehousemen, advancing the rates of winter storage on grain."

The meeting was called to order at about half past seven, by the President, who briefly stated the objects of the meeting, and called for remarks on the subject before them.

J. C. Wright, Esq., in an eloquent speech, stated the object of the meeting. He said that the meeting was called, because of the impression that prevailed that our system of grain inspection was imperfectly carried out; that owing to heavy rates a large amount of wheat shipped to this city as No. 2 Spring was "rejected," and was sold at a loss of 10@12c per bushel, and that this same rejected wheat was "doctored" and palmed off upon the shipper as No. 2; that men who are making princely fortunes out of the warehouse business were charged, he trusted unjustly, with mixing this grain. He demonstrated that by running one thousand bushels of rejected wheat into each cargo of sound wheat, that a sum of not less than twenty thousand dollars could be made out of two hundred cargoes. He also stated it as a fact that a shipper in order to secure a good cargo of grain in this city, had not only to employ an inspector to watch the grain as it went into the vessel, but he had to go himself and sleep in the warehouse. It was a disgrace to our city that such was the truth, but every shipper experienced it.

Mr. W. also, commented pointedly on the recent announcement of the warehousemen that the rates of winter storage would be 1@2c per bushel higher than formerly, and stated that he did not believe they could collect it from grain in store before that announcement was published. He also showed that such action on their part was wholly uncalled for, as their profits now were enormously large—and that it had the effect to advance the rates of freights, already ruinously high. He offered the following resolutions:

MR. WRIGHT'S RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Much complaint is made by members of this Board in relation to the following subjects connected with the business of members of this Board, viz:

1. The practical working of our system of inspection.

2. The practice of cleaning and doctoring unround grain, and procuring its inspection after such process as a sound article.

3. The frequent and unjust attempts to deliver from the warehouses, grain of a grade inferior to that called for by the warehouse receipts.

4. The proposed additional charge for storage on grain going into store prior to the 15th of November, and remaining in store for winter, on the charges of past years.

AND WHEREAS, the Board are desirous of doing all in their power to sustain the character of our grain and secure justice to receivers and shippers of grain, and having full confidence that our warehousemen and millowners will cheerfully cooperate with the Board in remedying any such evils which may exist; therefore

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to take into consideration these subjects of complaint, and investigate the same, and they shall deem advisable, and to report their action and views to be brought before them, and recommendations, at a meeting of this Board, to be held on the evening of the 31st inst., at 7½ o'clock, at the Journal Rooms.

Resolved, That all members of the Board are requested to furnish to such Committee any facts in their knowledge bearing on these subjects.

On motion, the resolutions were adopted and the following Committee appointed by the Chair: J. C. Wright, B. B. Hutchinson, M. S. Bacon, A. Dow and A. F. Neely.

Mr. George Watson then rose and called the attention of the Board in a few remarks to the new Banking bill, showing its objectionable features, and offering the following resolution:

WHEREAS, An act was passed at the last session of the Legislature of the State of Illinois, entitled an "Act to establish a general system of Banking upon a specie basis in the State of Illinois," said act to become a law, subject to the approval of the people of the State at the November election; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has suffered already a loss of seventeen millions of dollars through an imperfect banking law. It is the duty of this Board, as the centre of commercial activity in the State, to express our opinion thereon; and

WHEREAS, There are several very objectionable features in the bill; therefore

Resolved, That said banking law has been framed for the sole and entire benefit of the parties named as the commissioners, and their friends, without due regard to the interest of the people of the State, and that it ought not to receive their support.

The resolutions were adopted and ordered to be printed, and the meeting adjourned.

The Wabash Avenue Shooting Affray.

The shooting affray at the residence of Mr. Chas. A. Rogers, on Wabash Avenue, to which allusion was made in our issue of yesterday, came before Justice Aiken and Justice Millburn, constable, yesterday morning. The prosecution was represented by States Attorney Hawes, and the prisoner, Capt. Burns, by Daniel Mallroy, Esq.

Mr. Rogers was called to the stand and testified substantially as follows: On Wednesday night, Mr. R. had been absent during the evening, and upon his return was informed by the servant that a man had been seen early in the evening ascending to the roof of the house by a ladder which some painters had been using during the day. The manifest agitation of the servant gave an air of probability to her story, and Mr. Rogers went through the upper part of the house, but finding no person, concluded the alarm of the servant was attributable to her imagination, and thought no more of the matter. Later in the evening Mrs. Rogers and her mother, who had been out visiting, returned. Mr. R. detailed the story to his wife, who paid but little attention to it, considering it was one of the painters whom the affrighted servant had seen.

In a few moments after her arrival, she took her adopted child, who had been put to sleep down stairs by the alarmed domestic, and carried her up to her room. After placing her in bed, she was obliged to go into her mother's room for some article, and while there she discovered a pair of top boots protruding from under the low cottage bedstead. Intensely frightened, she rushed down stairs and informed her husband. Mr. Rogers immediately went across the street to Mr. Dickinson's residence in quest of his brother, but not finding him, obtained Mr. D's. assistance and the two went straight to the room, Rogers armed with a revolver and Dickinson with a cane. The latter looked under the bed, but first saw nobody, and asked loudly if there was any person there. A slight rustle caused a second search, which resulted in finding Capt. Burns lying upon his back close to the wall. They demanded of him to come out, which he did, and while reaching upon his knees drew a pistol from his side pocket. Mr. Rogers at that instant fired, the ball entering Burns' cheek, passing out of his mouth, and carrying with it one or two teeth and a portion of the jaw. Burns instantly returned the fire, the ball taking effect in Roger's shoulder and inflicting a flesh wound. Three or four more shots were later fired without effect, after which Burns rushed from the room. Rogers fired a parting shot just as Burns reached the top of the stairs and immediately upon the report of the pistol, Burns fell headlong down the stairs. Supposing that he was killed or mortally wounded, Rogers and Dickinson hastened down stairs but found him unhurt except by the first shot. Mr. Dickinson secured the intruder, while Mr. Rogers went for a policeman who took Burns into custody.

Mr. Dickinson was called to the stand and testified substantially as above. The defence called several witnesses who testified that Burns had always borne the reputation of being a quiet, peaceable, and honest man. Until January last, he had been in the employ of the Associated Express Company, having charge of the Pennsylvania Central freight. They testified that before the marriage of Mrs. Rogers, then Miss Woodworth, an intimacy existed between the lady and Capt. Burns, amounting to the indiscretion of the public to an extent. He was in the habit of visiting at Mrs. Woodworth's residence, and these visits were returned by Mrs. W. and her daughter. Some time in 1860, this intimacy was broken off, for reasons unknown, and in December of the same year Miss Woodworth married Mr. Chas. A. Rogers, a commission merchant of this city.

These facts having been testified, the question arose as to the matter of the intrusion in the premises in question. The prosecution contended that Burns had introduced himself in this unusual manner, actuated by feelings of jealousy and revenge, for the commission of some felony, and that the mere fact of breaking into a house at night carried with it the constructive evidence that his presence implied the motive of some felony to be committed, which it was unnecessary to establish by evidence, and therefore called for his commitment to answer the charge of burglary.

The defence on the contrary urged it unreasonable that an intimacy should exist between Burns and Mrs. Rogers for the space of two years, and then suddenly terminate without the least apparent cause, and that the intimacy should be renewed after the lapse of a year, and that Burns should then for the first time in that period, select the hour when Mrs. Rogers was alone in the house to pay his visit. The presumption de-

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